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**Agenda Item No. 6A**

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Katy Sorenson  
and Members, Budget, Planning & Sustainability  
Committee

**DATE:** June 8, 2010

**FROM:** Diane Collins, Acting Division Chief  
Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

*Diane Collins*

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The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Budget, Planning & Sustainability Committee:

August 24, 2009 (Budget Conference)  
May 11, 2010

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Attachment

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## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

### Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee

Katy Sorenson (8) Chair; Joe A. Martinez (11) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Barbara J. Jordan (1)

### Budget Conference

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Monday, August 24, 2009

9:30 AM

18th Floor, Rooms 18-3 and 18-4

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Carlos A. Gimenez, Sally A. Heyman, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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#### 1 MINUTES PREPARED BY

**Report:** *Scott Rappleye, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-5108*  
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#### 1A MOMENT OF SILENCE

**Report:** *Chairwoman Sorenson called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. The Committee convened in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Sorenson noted her favorite uncle passed away on Friday, August 21, 2009.*

#### 1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1C ROLL CALL

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: County Manager George Burgess; Assistant County Attorneys Jess McCarty and Martin Sybblis; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Scott Rappleye.*

**1D**      **OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR**  
**SORENSEN**

**Report:**      *Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Code of Miami-Dade County required the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee to meet before the First Budget Hearing as well as after the First Budget Hearing and before the Second Budget Hearing to discuss the County Budget. She invited all County Commissioners to attend the meeting that would be held after the First Budget Hearing. Chairwoman Sorenson explained she intended for the Committee to propose cuts to the County Budget and balance the budget, and not to debate tax philosophy. She noted the Committee would use the Mayor's proposed budget with its proposed millage rates and proposed cuts as a starting point. The Commission Auditor would tally the Committee's support of the Mayor's proposed cuts, Chairwoman Sorenson noted. She pointed out that the Commission would have an additional \$117 million for the budget if the Commission would adopt the Roll Back millage rate. She explained the Committee would attempt to reach a consensus on cuts and enhancements to the Mayor's proposed budget that could be forwarded to the Board, as well as consensus on a millage rate for the budget.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Commission Auditor to track the responses of Committee members to proposed budget cuts and enhancements, and to verify the exact dollar amount of the proposed cuts and enhancements, as well as their operational impacts. She further asked the Commission Auditor to provide the Committee members with a report regarding the fiscal impact for each one percent increase in employee salaries on the Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas and the Countywide budgets.*

*Commissioner Edmonson read into the record Commissioner Sosa's August 24, 2009, memorandum regarding Budget Committee Hearings.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Edmonson that County Commissioners who did not sit on the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee be allowed to participate in the budget discussion at this meeting. This motion died for lack of a*

*second.*

*Commissioner Seijas expressed her disagreement with Chairwoman Sorenson's decision to exclude commissioners who did not sit on this committee from participating in this meeting. She noted she would not remain at this meeting.*

*County Commission Vice-Chairman Diaz noted that as the Vice-Chair of the County Commission he was an ex-officio member of this Committee, but he could not vote.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted all commissioners would be allowed to participate at the Committee of the Whole meeting between the first and second budget hearing. She explained that she discussed the format of today's (8/24) meeting with County Commission Chairman Dennis Moss and that he gave her the authority to design this meeting. She pointed out that she designed this meeting according to the provisions of the Code.*

*Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding Chairwoman Sorenson not allowing all commissioners to participate during today's meeting.*

*Chairman Moss noted he intended to observe the Committee's deliberations and he would not exercise his authority to vote.*

## **2 DISCUSSIONS**

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092379 Discussion Item  
GENERAL FUND

*Presented***Report:** POLICY FORMULATION

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that in Volume 1 of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan on page 47 under Policy Formulation, the County Mayor proposed that the budget for the County Executive Offices be reduced by 10%. She suggested this percentage be increased to 15% for a savings of \$467,000. She questioned the committee members' position on her suggestion.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted she had requested information regarding pay increases for the Assistant County Managers over the last two years. She explained that she needed that information before she could take a position on Chairwoman Sorenson's suggestion.*

*Commissioner Edmonson noted she was waiting on additional information before she would take a position on Chairwoman Sorenson's suggestion.*

*Commissioner Martinez noted he supported reducing the County Executive Offices' budget by 15%. He pointed out that the Mayor's proposed savings were achieved by transferring a photographer to the Miami-Dade Police Department, as well as transferring a position to the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. He explained that he did not support the Mayor's recommendation to cut all employee salaries by 5%, and that he did not support a large increase to the millage rate. Commissioner Martinez noted he would support reducing the County Executive Offices' budget by 20%.*

*Commissioner Heyman suggested the County Executive Offices' budget be reduced by 25%. She questioned the budget amount that would be used to figure the amount of the percentage reduction. Commissioner Heyman asked the Commission Auditor to provide her with a report regarding the cuts that have been made in the County Manager's Office to compensate for increases to the County Mayor's office as a result of the voters approving the Strong Mayor form of government on January 23, 2007.*

Commissioner Gimenez noted he supported the suggested 25% reduction to the County Executive Offices' budget. He explained that the Strong Mayor form of government created duplicative functions between the County Mayor's Office and the County Manager's Office. He expressed concern that the recent "Miami Herald" article regarding pay increases for the County Mayor's staff was an example of the County Administration regularly violating the County Charter by omitting information. Commissioner Gimenez noted the Commission Auditor should be tracking the budget cuts that the Committee was identifying and calculating the funds that would be saved in each taxing jurisdiction.

Vice-Chairman Diaz concurred with Commissioner Gimenez's concern regarding the County Administration omitting information in reports and in responses given to the Commission. He noted he supported reducing the budget for the County Executive Offices by 25%.

Commissioner Edmonson suggested the County Executive Offices budget be reduced by 45%. She explained that the voters voted for one executive office when they approved the Strong Mayor form of government. She pointed out that the County Manager's Office had all the positions necessary to operate the County.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Commission Auditor would provide the Committee with the additional savings that would be generated by an overall 15%, 25%, and 45% budget reduction to the County Executive Offices.

Commissioner Jordan noted she concurred with the County employee who wrote a letter to the Miami Times editor and argued that a 5% pay cut was different for an employee earning \$20,000 versus \$100,000 annually. She noted that she recently proposed legislation that would cap employee salary increases at 5% annually. She explained that this cap would better control salary growth and its impact on the County budget. Commissioner Jordan noted that she had requested a report that would analyze a gradual reduction to employee salaries based on the amount of the salaries. She pointed out that the County could use this graduated process for reducing County employee pay as an alternative to a percentage reduction to the County Executive Offices.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the County Mayor proposed the Board of County Commissioners' budget be reduced by 10%. She suggested the Committee increase that percentage to 15%.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he supported Chairwoman Sorenson's suggested 15% reduction.

Commissioner Heyman noted the Board of County Commissioners' budget should be reduced by a minimum of 10%. She noted the budget for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA) was the third largest budget in the country for intergovernmental affairs. She noted the position left vacant by Mr. Eric Rodriguez could be eliminated; his salary was \$167,000. She explained the County did not need full-time staff in Tallahassee for the 60 day legislative session. Commissioner Heyman noted the County could achieve additional savings by limiting cell phones. She explained that her recommended cuts to OIA totaled \$900,000. She pointed out the Office of the Commission Auditor had 8 legislative analysts, however, the commissioners employed office staff as legislative analysts. She suggested the Office of the Commission Auditor have 6 legislative analysts and 10 auditors.

Commissioner Heyman asked that the Commission Auditor provide her with a report regarding the feasibility and the fiscal impact of the Office of the Commission Auditor reducing the number of legislative analysts from 8 to 6.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she supported the proposed 10% decrease to the County Commission budget, as well as the additional savings suggested by Commissioner Heyman.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the County Attorney's Office budget be reduced by 15% in lieu of the County Mayor's proposed 10%.

Commissioner Jordan noted she supported reducing the budget by 10% for the County Commission and the County Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would support reducing the County Attorney's Office budget by 10%.

Commissioners Heyman and Gimenez concurred with Chairwoman Sorenson to reduce the County Attorney's Office budget by 15%.

*ANIMAL SERVICES*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted she opposed the County Mayor's proposal to eliminate the Assistant Director of Administration and Code Enforcement position in the Animal Services Department.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted she supported using the proposed Policy Formulation efficiencies to buy back the Assistant Director of Administration and Code Enforcement position.*

*Commissioner Edmonson suggested the Commission buy back all of the proposed cuts to Animal Services.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report regarding the feasibility of training light-duty police to perform the tasks that were performed by the Animal Service Investigator, which was eliminated.*

*Commissioner Heyman suggested the Committee request Dr. Sara Pizano, Director, Animal Services Department, address them on the impacts of these proposed budget cuts.*

*Commissioner Edmonson pointed out that 26 counties in Florida required cats be licensed. She suggested the Commission adopt the necessary ordinance that would require owners to license their cats. She proposed that the revenues generated through cat licensing fees be used to replace the \$1.7 million general fund contribution that the County Mayor proposed to eliminate.*

*Commissioner Edmonson asked the County Manager to provide her with a report regarding the revenues that the County could generate by implementing a cat licensing ordinance.*

*CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION* □

*Commissioner Jordan asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report detailing how the proposal for the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department to decentralize part of the Inmate Rehabilitative Services Bureau would impact services provided to inmates.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson requested the Committee buy back the Inmate Rehabilitative Services Bureau for \$1.2 million and restore the 20*

positions associated with this bureau, and that the funds for this buy back would come from the suggested policy formulation reductions.

Commissioners Edmonson and Gimenez noted they supported the County Mayor's proposal to eliminate this bureau.

Commissioner Heyman asked the County Manager to provide her with a report regarding the impact on services versus time of the proposed cuts to the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern that the new titles in the Corrections and Rehabilitation Department prevented the Committee from effectively discussing the budget for this department. She requested the Committee postpone discussion on this department until the County Administration could clarify the changes.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Heyman suggested the County mitigate the loss of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training by transferring a Miami-Dade Fire Rescue employee.

County Manager Burgess noted the funding source for CERT training was the general fund, and the funding source for MDR employees was the fire district tax.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she would provide the Committee with a report regarding the feasibility of Commissioner Heyman's suggestions.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the Commission buy back the public information officer position (\$87,000) and operating expenses (\$182,000) through a millage adjustment.

#### FIRE RESCUE

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the funding source for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue budget was not generated by Countywide taxes, which was the taxing district that the Committee was considering.

#### INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the County Mayor recommended eliminating the Independent Review Panel.

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Commission use a millage adjustment to buy back the entire Independent Review Panel budget. She noted the Independent Review Panel was created to address inequalities in the community that still existed.*

*Commissioner Edmonson concurred with Commissioner Jordan's suggested buy back through a millage adjustment.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted she reluctantly supported the Mayor's recommendation.*

*Commissioners Heyman and Gimenez noted they supported the Mayor's recommendation.*

#### *JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted the County Mayor proposed to cut the general fund support to the Legal Aid Society.*

*Commissioner Heyman suggested the Commission buy back the funding for the Legal Aid Society through the policy formulation savings she suggested.*

*Commissioner Edmonson noted she would recommend additional cuts that the Commission could use to buy back the Legal Aid Society.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he supported the County Mayor's proposal to eliminate the Legal Aid Society. He pointed out that the Judicial Administration reserve funds increase by 236%. He suggested the Commission use the additional reserves to buy back the Legal Aid Society.*

*Responding to Commissioner Gimenez's request for clarification on the Judicial Administration reserve funds, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the Judicial Administration could provide the same level of service as Fiscal Year 2008-09 through proprietary funds. The additional reserve funds were excess proprietary funds that could not be used for other County programs.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Budget Director to provide the Committee with a report regarding the use of Judicial Administration reserve funds to buy back the Legal Aid Society.*

*In response to Commissioner Gimenez's request for clarification on the Judicial Services reserve funds, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained these reserves*

were teen court revenues generated by a surcharge that could only be used for teen court.

Commissioner Edmonson noted the County Commission had adopted legislation that made teen court a part of Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) for three years, that provided teen court administrators the right to select the department it would be transferred to following the three year period, and that this transfer would be phased in over three years.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she would provide Commissioner Edmonson with a report regarding the status of teen court and whether legislation had been adopted regarding its place in the table of organization.

County Manger Burgess pointed out that this proposed transfer of teen court had no impact on the teen court budget, and that the MMAP Board of Directors had an advocacy role over teen court.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINER

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the public needed the services provided by the Medical Examiner. She suggested the County Commission buy back all proposed cuts to the Medical Examiner through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Heyman asked the County Manager to provide her with a report regarding the impact that the Medical Examiner cuts would have on other departments.

Commissioners Jordan and Edmonson noted they supported buying back all proposed cuts to the Medical Examiner through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Heyman noted she supported the County Commission buying back the filled Forensic Records Technician position (\$62,000).

Responding to Commissioner Gimenez's suggestion that the County generate the revenues necessary to continue offering extended hours by charging funeral homes for that service, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the families of the deceased were the ones requesting extended hours.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he would wait for the Commission Auditor to provide the Committee with the amount of their suggested cuts before he suggested any services to buy back.

Commissioner Heyman suggested the County Commission restore the Forensic Pathologist position (\$252,000) and one Forensic Photographer position (\$81,000).

#### OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Office of the Clerk had eliminated 72 full-time positions valued at \$5.829 million. She questioned whether the Committee members wanted to buy back any of these positions.

Ms. Ines Beecher, Budget Coordinator, Office of the Commission Auditor, pointed out that the Mayor's proposed budget allocated \$4.6 million from the general fund to the Office of the Clerk.

Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified the \$4.6 million would support the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and the Value Adjustment Board. She explained that the Clerk of Courts had used proprietary funds to support those functions in previous budgets, however, they were County obligations.

County Manager Burgess further clarified the County funded the Clerk of the Board, and the County and Circuit Courts funded the Clerk of the Courts through court fees.

#### CONSUMER SERVICES

Chairwoman Sorenson and Commissioner Edmonson suggested the Commission buy back the funding for the 4H Club through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Jordan noted she supported the Commission buying back partial funding for the 4H Club, however, she thought that every entity should share the impact of the budget cuts.

Commissioner Edmonson suggested the Commission buy back \$1 million for the 4H Club.

Commissioner Heyman pointed out the 4H Club could meet in parks to help minimize the level of funding it needed.

County Manager Burgess noted the County Administration would provide the Commission with a report on the impact of a \$1 million buy back for the 4H Club.

*TRANSIT*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report explaining the \$12 million increase in reserve funds for the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDT). He explained that staff told him that these reserves were to restore the five percent decrease in employee salaries and the maintenance of effort/operations and maintenance.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted she did not support the proposal to cut County employees' pay by 5%, except for the administrative positions.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's comments regarding the County Mayor imposing a hiring freeze, notwithstanding certain County agencies needing to hire new employees to decrease overtime expenses, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the County would hire new employees if that was less expensive than having another employee work overtime.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report regarding the cost savings for the County by reducing Special Transportation Services (STS) levels to the federally mandated level.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained that she had requested a legal opinion from the County Attorney on the Mayor's recommendation to not fund the maintenance of effort for MDT. She pointed out that increased funding for the maintenance of effort was part of the ordinance that unified the half-penny surtax funds with the other MDT funds.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report identifying the Metrobus routes that Miami-Dade Transit recommended to restructure and explaining how these routes were duplicative. She noted that restructuring MDT routes had unintentionally impacted riders in the past.*

*Ms. Beecher noted the County Administration had provided the OCA a service efficiency restructuring document.*

*Commissioner Edmonson noted she supported the County Commission adding \$4.886 million to the maintenance of effort. She noted she did not*

support the 5% reduction to employee salaries.

#### RECREATION AND CULTURE

Commissioner Gimenez noted the Mayor proposed that the County contribute an additional \$5.179 million to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for maintenance and operating expenses, for an endowment, and for education and outreach activities.

Ms. Glazer-Moon explained the Omni Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) agreed in the Global Agreement (Resolution No. R-1372-07) to contribute 35% of its funds to pay the CRA's debt service obligations. She noted that the Mayor's proposed budget detailed how the PAC intended to use the CRA funds, which included funding an endowment.

Commissioner Gimenez questioned whether the Commission could adjust how the PAC would use the CRA funds.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the Commission could act on allocations that were different than the allocations in the Mayor's proposed budget.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the action the Commission would need to take to re-allocate the funds that were allocated within the budget for the PAC, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the Commission could re-allocate those funds through the budget process.

Commissioner Gimenez suggested the Commission move \$3.6 million from the PAC to the Department of Cultural Affairs. He questioned why the County would budget the line item for the South Dade Arts Center operations. He pointed out that the South Dade Arts Center would not be completed in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the revenue source for these South Dade Art Center funds was CDT. She noted she would evaluate the other arts activities that could use these funds that would otherwise be funded through the general fund.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report clarifying the funding source(s) for the \$5 million allocated to the Miami-Dade South Cultural Arts Center and explaining whether the County had committed to allocate these funds annually.

Commissioner Gimenez noted the Mayor proposed the Cultural Affairs reserves be increased by 312%. He questioned the intended use of those reserve funds.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the increased reserves were from Art in Public Places revenues that would not be used in FY 2009-10.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report explaining the revenue source(s) for the Cultural Affairs reserve funds and the anticipated uses for those reserve funds.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the Commission buy back 80% of the General Fund grant programming budget through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would support the Mayor's proposal to eliminate the General Fund grant programming budget.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the Commission buy back the full \$11.168 million of General Fund grant programming through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Heyman noted she supported buying back the General Fund grant programming. She stated the grant programming needed to be more competitive. She questioned whether the Commission could define the amount of the \$4.693 million Art in Public Places funds that would be used to restore the existing inventory and redirect the rest of the funds for grant programming.

Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that capital projects were the source of the Art in Public Places revenues, and that the Commission would need to amend the Code to allow the use of these funds for expenses other than art projects. She pointed out that the Commission could not buy back programs without also buying back the staff positions to manage those programs.

Commissioner Heyman noted she did not support the County using Art in Public Places funds to purchase new art until the County had control of the existing inventory.

Responding to Commissioner Heyman's comment regarding the use of Art in Public Places funds,

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Commission would have to adopt a resolution to waive the existing Art in Public Places procedures and allocated the funds for the intent noted by Commissioner Heyman.

Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty advised the Board may be limited on waiving the existing Art in Public Places procedures as part of the budget process.

Commissioner Heyman questioned whether the County could identify the past grant recipients that would lose matching funds if the County did not continue the cultural grants program.

Commissioner Jordan clarified that she had recommended the Commission restore 80 percent of the funds that the Mayor proposed to cut because the Cultural Affairs Department could provide the other 20 percent through other funding sources.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Budget Director to provide the Committee with a report regarding the operational fiscal impact for the County Commission to restore 80% of the funding for the grants programming.

Commissioner Gimenez suggested the County Commission restore the funding for the cultural grants program by identifying funds from another line item that could be re-allocated for this program.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner Edmonson suggested the County Commission buy back \$10 million in the Parks and Recreation Department and that the County Administration could determine how to redistribute these funds. She noted this buy back would be made through the millage adjustment or through the additional proposed savings.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted Commissioner Edmonson's suggested buy back would involve Countywide and UMSA funds.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the County Administration could identify which funding source would be impacted if the Commission would provide the specific department function or activity to buy back. She clarified the Parks and Recreation Department activities had specific funding

*sources.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that the Committee did not raise any objections to the recommended \$779,000 cut that would eliminate positions.*

*Commissioner Edmonson requested the County Commission buy back marina security services.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that marina security was proprietary and profits came back to the Parks Department to fund operations. She said that she needed to evaluate this cut to determine the source of funds.*

*In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding marina dockage fees, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted these fees were being increased.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Heyman that staff considered areas that proprietary fees could support when developing the proposed budget. She noted that marinas generated revenues that supported other park activities. Ms. Glazer Moon said that she needed to ascertain whether the entire \$424,000 was intended to support UMSA funded activities.*

*Commissioner Heyman said that she opposed generating additional income through increased marina rental fees, while eliminating security. She noted that she had questions related to the budget and department operational preferences that could readily be answered by department staff, but the County Charter prevented her from asking department staff her questions.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that staff had been working closely with the Commission Auditor and had provided responses to requested information. She said that she was unaware of any additional concerns and offered to provide answers to Commissioner Heyman's questions.*

*Commissioner Gimenez said that he needed the County Administration to clarify the impact of eliminating the six security service positions on the total level of service for him to decide whether to support or oppose this proposed budget cut. Commissioner Gimenez said that the millage rate provided leeway to adjust up or down.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that the Commission should discuss the millage rates and adjustments should be made before the first budget hearing in*

*order to fully understand the process and to make informed decisions.*

*Regarding a \$54,000 reduction in part-time grounds maintenance expenses, Commissioner Gimenez inquired whether prison inmates could perform this work.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon said that County ordinances would restrict people that could work in the vicinity of children that would need to be addressed.*

*Commissioner Gimenez stated that the County could use prison inmates when the parks were not open to the public.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted that children were in school at specific times and that children did not congregate in certain areas of the parks. She said that light maintenance, landscaping, litter collection, and other services could be performed under the direction of a prison trustee.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Edmonson's request about the \$16,000 miscellaneous operating expenses. She said this amount included individual line items, the purchase of supplies and fuel, and that a detailed report could be provided.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson said that she would buy back 20 full-time Facility Maintenance Division positions through a millage adjustment.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted she would support an 80% buy back of the Parks and Recreation Department reductions through a millage adjustment.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to provide the Committee with details on the operational impact of an 80% buy back.*

*Commissioner Edmonson said she supported the buy back; however, she was still requesting a total of \$10 million for after school programs, senior citizens programs, and other individual requests.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked the Parks and Recreation Department Director to provide information about the service cuts as they related to keeping parks open and accessible to residents.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Parks and Recreation*

Department, said the budget restorations were identified as unfunded needs on page 210. He said that suggested cuts were the Departments best recommendation to move forward based upon the funding allocated. Mr. Kardys said the Department had full capabilities to provide services, however, the level of service provided would be reduced.

Mr. Kardys responded to Commissioner Edmonson that \$10 million would be enough to cover a portion of the reductions to recreational programs.

Chairwoman Sorenson said that she would like to reinstate all of the park cuts to prevent the park facilities from deteriorating.

Commissioner Heyman concurred with Commissioner Edmonson. She was not sure what areas to pick and choose to maintain the integrity of the parks.

Chairwoman Sorenson said that maintenance repair and programming issues had to be considered. She noted that a significant roll back was necessary to maintain the quality of life provided by parks to residents. Chairwoman Sorenson said that \$1.689 million was needed for maintenance positions; and that facilities needed to be maintained in order to provide quality programs.

Ms. Ines Beecher, Budget Coordinator, Office of Commission Auditor, noted in the 2009-2010 Proposed Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Volume 2, page 211 had a chart of unmet operational needs that included the hiring of 23 full-time positions in the Facility Maintenance Division to provide daily maintenance for aging park facilities for \$1.393 million.

Ms. Gazer-Moon said that unmet needs did not replace Items that were cut from the budget and that these Items were identified prior to budget reductions.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the purpose of this exercise was to determine specific Items to buy back and to attach the funding source to accommodate these requests. She said that the rollback millage rate would provide a better position to buy back specific services.

Chairwoman Sorenson said she would buy back two Trade Supervision positions for \$158,000 and seven Parks Maintenance positions for \$601,000 from the millage adjustment.

Ms. Beecher responded to Commissioner Jordan's request that the list provided by the Commissioner Auditor did not include unmet needs.

Commissioner Jordan said that she did not believe that the Board should make line item by line item budget determinations. She noted that the Department should determine its resources would be allocated.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted that the budget presented was recommended by the County Administration. She said that the Board would be in a better position to secure additional funds by providing as much detail as possible.

Commissioner Heyman said that specific priorities could be narrowed down by service areas such as after school programs or nature programs. She said that the Director could then determine which reductions would affect these priorities. Commissioner Heyman noted that she would support specific programs, however, she could not support the entire parks program.

Chairwoman Sorenson said she would like to buy back \$1.887 million and 15 positions, including the Deering Estate nature centers and the EcoAdventure programs through mileage adjustments.

Commissioners Edmonson, Heyman, and Jordan supported this request.

Commissioner Jordan requested to buy back positions at the Country Club of Miami at 80 percent. She asked the Budget Director to provide the County Commission with a report on the dollar amount for this Item.

Commissioner Edmonson asked to buy back \$895,000 in the Pools Division through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Jordan said she supported the County Commission restoring all services at swimming pools in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted that pools were

funded by the Countywide operating millage according to the Commission Auditor. She emphasized the importance of children learning to swim and supported this request through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Edmonson said she would buy back \$49,000 for pool preparation from the \$1.6 million recaptured by eliminating the car allowance. Chairwoman Sorenson supported this buy back through a millage adjustment.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report regarding the impact of the \$1.6 million for car allowances being eliminated from the County budget.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the car allowance was not eliminated with the intent to take cars away from police, but it would include those with executive benefits, including commissioners.

Commissioner Edmonson revised her pool preparation buyback request to come from a millage adjustment.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that salary adjustment supplements were countywide and not all of the savings generated through the elimination of these items could be applied to items needed to be funded through the countywide general fund, UMSA, fire and library taxing districts.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked to buy back the South Dade Pool for \$66,000.

Chairwoman Sorenson requested that Commissioner Edmonson submit her recommended proposals to the Budget Director and the Commission Auditor.

Commissioner Edmonson said that the Commission Auditor had already reviewed her proposal and that she would submit it to the County Manager.

Ms. Glazer-Moon suggested that staff could provide the costs associated with specific services or programs that the Board was interested in buying back. She said that alternative methods of providing supervisory support had already been evaluated and all costs associated with specific buy backs might not be necessary.

Commissioner Edmonson inquired whether staff

could provide this analysis based upon a \$10 million buy back and an understanding of specific program priorities.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that they could provide an analysis either of specific programs that the funding could buy back or options based upon alternative buy back amounts.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to advise the Board of any potential efficiency that could be obtained and whether a requested buy back was not necessary.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the genesis of these efficiencies, Ms. Glazer-Moon confirmed that the efficiencies were recommended by the County Administration. She noted that some of these positions would have been eliminated based upon more efficient service delivery methods and were not related to the budget shortfall.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide Committee members with a list of proposed program and position reductions and/or eliminations that the County Mayor would have recommended regardless of a budget shortfall along with the cost savings.

Commissioner Gimenez said that he was not comfortable recommending budget cuts without the list from the County Administration detailing the impact of positions to operations and whether these positions were already slated for elimination.

Ms. Glazer-Moon suggested the Committee compile a list that prioritized the services it was requesting to restore so that staff could provide the requested analysis.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked each Committee member to provide a listing of their specific priorities to the County Administration and that this discussion continue tomorrow.

Chairman Moss noted that residents were requesting recreational services and they did not favor closing parks; parks were very important to the community. He also stressed that the Committee evaluate the budget from a broad global perspective and that the process allow community input.

VIZCAYA

*Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Chairwoman Sorenson that any buy backs for Vizcaya would need to come from the countywide operating millage rate unless admission fees were raised which would affect attendance.*

*Commissioner Heyman said that Vizcaya was the only site in South Florida that was on the National Historical Registry. She noted that last year the general fund support for Vizcaya decreased from \$282,000 to zero dollars and requested that this important destination receive funding support.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that other revenue areas in the proposed budget were lower than the proposed budget for Vizcaya. She said that the only way to buy back services for Vizcaya would be to allocate additional countywide funding through an additional subsidy such as Convention Development Tax (CDT) funds and not from proprietary revenues.*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's question regarding additional capacity for CDT funding, Ms. Glazer-Moon commented that Commissioner Gimenez had previously identified two line items in the proposed budget that could be reallocated to other cultural facilities.*

*Commissioner Heyman said she would like \$282,000 of general fund support for Vizcaya. She noted that operational funds in the amount of \$5 million allocated to the South Dade Cultural Center could be reallocated since the Center was not slated to open for another two years.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that the PAC money had been obligated and the availability of South Dade Cultural Center money was pending additional research.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the relationship between Vizcaya and general fund support for the parks. She said that Vizcaya was treated as if it was a museum, was separated from the parks, and was subsidized through both the CDT and the general fund.*

*Commissioner Edmonson noted that she would support restoring most of the Vizcaya funding through a millage adjustment*

*Commissioner Jordan supported restoring 80*

*percent to Vizcaya through a millage adjustment.*

*Commissioner Heyman said she was still waiting for calculations to determine the funding source.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted that he would support funding but it would not be the full \$282,000 and that he needed to identify the funding source.*

**OTHER EFFICIENCIES AND CUTS: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

*Commissioner Heyman said that she supported curtailing the \$1.6 million for tuition reimbursement.*

**PUBLICATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

*Commissioner Gimenez noted that publications, subscriptions and memberships should be reduced by \$1 million. He recommended the County cut travel expenses by \$500,000 and cut tuition reimbursement by \$1.2 million. Commissioner Gimenez suggested the County reduce the allocation for new furniture by \$46,000, the allocation for GSA to outfit the new building by \$5 million, and the allocation for new furniture in the police department by \$1 million.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked the County Administration and the Commission Auditor to provide an analysis of the operational impacts of Commissioner Gimenez's suggestions.*

*Commissioner Edmonson recommended the County Commission adjust the Mayor's recommended 5% reduction to County employee salaries by creating a sliding scale that would take a smaller percentage from employees earning less money and a greater percentage from employees earning more money.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon pointed out that the car allowance was part of the executive benefits.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that she was not sure the County would save money by eliminating the birthday and floating holidays.*

*Commissioner Gimenez said that the savings from eliminating the birthday and floating holiday would depend upon the bargaining unit and the size of the workforce. He noted that reducing the*

workforce would require existing personnel to work additional days. This would only be a viable option in the larger departments, said Commissioner Gimenez.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the only way the County would realize savings through eliminating the birthday and floating holidays would be for employees to take leave without pay. She said certain types of positions were not back filled if the person was not there, however, positions, such as, police officers, firefighters, bus drivers, train operators, waste collectors required that anticipated needs be addressed in order to avoid overtime. Ms. Glazer-Moon said that she would provide a detailed analysis.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the County evaluate using a flex schedule of ten-hour work days and a compressed schedule with every other Friday off. She recommended that take home cars not go beyond the Miami-Dade County boundary and be parked at the nearest County facility in an effort to save gas and vehicle wear and tear.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Chairwoman Sorenson's request regarding the potential savings from Commissioner Jordan's take home car recommendation. She noted that the number of vehicles could be determined, however, the Board had recently changed its policy to allow this practice.

Commissioner Jordan said that the take home car procedures should be further evaluated based upon current circumstances.

Commissioner Gimenez requested the County Administration evaluate the following items from the countywide general fund:

- Outside vehicle services (\$6.16 million);
- Attorney's office outside legal services (\$1.2 million);
- Employee advertising (\$355,000);
- Management consulting (\$355,000);
- UMSA outside legal services (\$551,000);
- UMSA employee advertising (\$145,000); and
- UMSA management consulting (\$155,000).

Commissioner Gimenez requested the Budget Director provide the County Commission with an analysis of savings resulting from a 7.5 % salary cut for employees earning \$100,000 - \$150,000, a 10% salary cut for employees earning \$150,000 - \$250,000, and a 15% salary cut for employees

earning over \$250,000. Commissioner Gimenez asked for an analysis of a 20% reduction to executive benefits, including commissioners. He noted that two air rescue helicopters were excessive based upon an average of four calls per day. Commissioner Gimenez said that eliminating one helicopter would save approximately \$5 million per year.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the County Manager to provide him with a report on the first response territory and the first response times for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

Commissioner Heyman noted the County had contractual arrangements with police officers related to their take home cars. She had requested the vehicles for police officers and firefighters that were not on call to be included in the take home car list. Commissioner Heyman requested the Budget Director provide her with information on police vehicles that were taken out of the County by non-sworn officers. She noted that every day of furlough would save approximately \$7.5 million dollars and suggested a sliding scale where employees with salaries below \$50,000 would take one furlough day and additional days for employees with larger salaries.

Ms. Glazer-Moon stated that the furlough issue was much more complicated. She noted that certain positions could be furloughed and overtime costs would be necessary to fill the gap. Ms. Glazer-Moon said that services could not be stopped for one day and those positions would need to be covered by either adding additional staff or backfill with overtime. She said that a list of positions would be provided along with an analysis showing that the costs of a furlough would be more expensive than not furloughing.

Commissioner Heyman asked the Budget Director and Commission Auditor to provide her with a report listing the eligible employee positions and amount of potential savings to the County for up to five furlough days by Wednesday, August 26, 2009.

Commissioner Heyman said the County should review phone coverage and blackberry usage. She noted that long-term employees would like to retire, however, they need employee health benefits to be continued for up to five years. Commissioner Heyman said that merit increases issued from last year's budget should be rescinded.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the current year's budget included funding for merit increases for all executives. She said that department directors or assistant county managers did not receive merit increases. The budget assumed freezing all merit increases and longevity bonuses, said Ms. Glazer-Moon.

Commissioner Heyman suggested that the General Services Administration lower its budget by not spending more than was necessary for services; that Jackson Health System could perform physicals for employees; that the hiring freeze be addressed as it related to overtime expenses; that employees providing direct services remained employed instead of management staff; and that prison trustees be utilized to supervise inmates providing necessary services.

Commissioner Edmonson asked that the requirement for cat licensing be addressed to collect fees on the 600,000 estimated cats in the county.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report detailing the anticipated use of the \$6.17 million for General Services Administration (GSA) replacement vehicles, including the vehicles that would be replaced and the age of those vehicles.

Commissioner Gimenez noted that his salary six years ago as City of Miami Manager was \$160,000 for managing 4,000 employees. Commissioner Gimenez noted the County was paying directors \$174,000 to supervise five people; \$165,000 to supervise six people; \$232,000 to supervise 25 people. He said that parameters needed to be established where the level of compensation was indicative of both the importance of the position and the number of people being supervised.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the Mayor's proposed budget including funds for merit increases for executive level county employees, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the FY 2008-09 budget had merit increases for executive level county employees, however, the FY 2009-10 budget did not.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report regarding any salary adjustments made to executive level county employees that were not recently reported in the

*Miami Herald.*

*Commissioner Heyman suggested that the County retain surplus vehicles for internal usage. She noted that fire and police personnel received incentive compensation based upon obtaining specific certifications that were not part of their job descriptions. Commissioner Heyman said that personnel in the headquarters were receiving hazard pay, high risk pay, field training officer pay, and diver pay that increased their salaries \$50,000-\$60,000, and they were not using these certifications in their current jobs. Commissioner Heyman asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report regarding salary adjustments for Miami-Dade Police Department and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue employees. She said the County should remove these incentives or return employees to positions where they were required to use these credentials.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon said that these supplements were part of the collective bargaining agreements.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked that these sentiments be shared in the collective bargaining process and that compensation properly relate to the job performed.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon said that this would be included in the list of service agreements.*

*Commissioner Jordan inquired whether a moratorium could be implemented on special recognition salary increases and those salary increases resulting from reorganization after this process. In order to maintain a control on salary expenses, Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty to prepare legislation that would require County Commission approval for any changes to the wages earned by any County employee.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that bonuses were given in lieu of raises and since bonuses did not become a part of an employee's base salary, this amount did not get compounded annually.*

*Commissioner Jordan said that bonuses were not allocated to everyone. She noted that anything that would impact the budget needed to be approved by the Board.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson said that executive benefits should be eliminated; the CITT budget be deleted*

and the International Trade Consortium be deleted.

Commissioner Heyman asked the Budget Director to provide her with a list of all consultant services for Jackson Memorial Hospital/Public Health Trust (JMH/PHT), including their status with JMH/PHT, their fees, their purpose(s), as well as an analysis whether JMH/PHT could use existing employees to do the work done by the consultant services.

#### MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE

Chairwoman Sorenson said that she wanted to buy back the replacement of two fire suppression units for \$945,000.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report on the current number of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) fire suppression units and the number of spare units.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that MDFR would have delayed eliminating this purchase without the millage adjustment.

Chairwoman Sorenson said that the buy back for two fire suppression units was no longer necessary.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report explaining how Miami-Dade Fire Rescue would provide service to the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) between the City of Miami and the Village of Key Biscayne.

Commissioner Heyman said that Haulover marina could accommodate the free dockage of a fire boat. She noted that Fire Station 21 was located at the marina and that Fire Station 10 was located nearby at Sunny Isles Beach. Existing staff was trained for boat duty and should be used for this purpose rather than removing the boat from service, said Commissioner Heyman. She noted that a similar arrangement could be initiated at Black Point marina. Commissioner Heyman said that the Port of Miami Station 39 operated with both ladder and fireboat units and staffing was sufficient for both units at that facility.

Chairwoman Sorrenson requested the County Administration the Commission Auditor verify whether MDFR could use existing stations to reduce operational costs.

Commissioner Gimenez said that the City of Miami had a boat at the Port of Miami, and that this would be an opportunity for both agencies to cooperate.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Jordan that the Fire Cadet Program was the same as the Fire Academy and that the County was securing funding for continued operation through the South Florida Workforce. She said that support had been committed for fire, police and corrections efforts through the South Florida Workforce.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the County Commission buy back the \$2 million bond issuance for the construction of new facilities using a millage adjustment.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Gimenez that this debt service was from the fire district and not the general funds. She said that it was part of the operating millage and not the fire district debt millage.

Chairwoman Sorenson requested details on the impact of MDFR reducing its operation contingency reserve by \$4.75 million.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that operation funds should have a 5 percent reserve and that the MDFR reserve would be at an acceptable level with the \$4.75 million reduction.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report explaining the use of Mount Sinai Hospital for employee physical exams, as opposed to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Commissioner Heyman inquired whether the impact of reducing 28 administrative positions would be that these employees were on the street.

Commissioner Gimenez noted that among these 28 administrative positions, eight were sworn officers that would return to active duty positions and the remaining 20 were civilian positions.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that these 28 employees would be transferred to non-administrative positions. She said that she would provide additional details on the work assignments for these transfers.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry about the savings of \$200,000 from other fuels and lubricants. She said that aircraft use was evaluated and efficiencies were determined that contributed to these savings.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Edmonson's question that the Dial-A-Life program would continue its operation and that the program could be supported with existing positions.

Chairwoman Sorenson said she would like to buy back Ocean Rescue (lifeguards) operations for \$447,000 through a millage adjustment.

Commissioners Gimenez and Heyman supported this buy back.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry regarding liability insurance. She noted that the County Mayor would have made this budget recommendation even without the budget shortfall.

Commissioner Heyman proposed the following additional efficiencies:

1. To eliminate the duplicitous MDFR Internal Affairs unit;
2. to protect employees performing services;
3. to have management work one day per week in the field to save \$5 million and reduce overtime;
4. to eliminate all special project pay and assignments to save \$750,000;
5. to reconsider the \$1.2 million for the internal affairs unit with a fire chief as its liaison;
6. to eliminate the chief fire officer assistant for \$300,000;
7. to consolidate the research and development unit from six to three employees for a \$300,000 savings;
8. to assist the transfer of 100 light duty sworn personnel into other positions;
9. to evaluate another 400 severe light duty civilian positions to save \$1 million;
10. to reduce the PIO unit from nine to two employees.
11. to evaluate the 1:2 ratio of supervisors to firefighters needs to be evaluated and reassign supervisors to active duty;
12. to limit take home vehicles to operational need only for on-call personnel to save over \$1 million;
13. to examine the policy of on-call personnel responding from Martin, Palm Beach and Broward Counties;

14. to eliminate all exceptional compensation and stacked incentives for a \$5 million savings;
15. to reevaluate other positions for reductions and salary levels;
16. to cross train MDFR personnel and marine patrol personnel;
17. to eliminate excessive units being dispatched to service calls to save \$1 million through less vehicle wear and tear; and
18. to generate revenue by providing service to the Miccosukee Indian Tribe, the US Coast Guard and Homeland Security, Biscayne National Park, Everglades National Park, Krome Avenue Federal Penitentiary, and the State Prison.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that information would be compiled on the source of funds for the different fire stations. She noted that supplements were a collective bargaining issue, and that supplements and extraordinary pay was a Florida Retirement System issue. Ms. Glazer-Moon said that she would obtain additional information on these issues.

Commissioner Heyman clarified that individuals who were receiving these supplements should be actual service providers as opposed to an administrator assigned to office duty.

Commissioner Gimenez noted that the rate of civilian to sworn personnel in MDFR was 26 percent, which was more than double that of any other local fire department. He asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report detailing why Miami-Dade Fire Rescue had a high civilian to sworn personnel ratio when compared to the other fire districts in the County. Commissioner Gimenez said that he would like that this percentage be reduced.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that she would prepare the report; however, she noted that when civilian positions were eliminated in the police and corrections departments, sworn positions needed to assume many of the functions that the civilian personnel performed. She noted that sworn officers were being paid more money than necessary to perform civilian duties and transferring the responsibilities resulted in reduced availability for the employee to provide necessary functions performed by sworn officers.

Commissioner Gimenez said that the other departments were similar to the County and maintained their operations with 50% less staff.

He said that the City of Miami had 700 firefighters with 5 civilian logistics personnel and the County has 2,000 firefighters with 55 logistics personnel. Commissioner Gimenez suggested that the County reduce the number of civilian employees so that a five percent cut to those providing direct services was not necessary. He also noted that MDRF pay cuts could be prevented by the County putting \$3 - \$5 million back into the MDRF through the reduced library millage.

Commissioner Jordan noted that all the variables needed to be considered when evaluating the economies of scale that could be achieved between departments.

#### BUILDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Chairwoman Sorenson that the positions within the Office of Neighborhood Compliance were eliminated.

Ms. Glazer-Moon advised Commissioner Jordan that Team Metro was converted into the Office of Neighborhood Compliance (ONC). She said the ONC and the Building Department was located in the same building and their operations were being redistributed under a new supervisory structure. Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Jordan that the ONC would continue being self-sufficient and that code enforcement fines and lien revenues would continue. She noted that budget reductions were from the general fund subsidy.

Commissioner Jordan suggested the County Commission buy back 80 percent of present service levels.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that although the eliminated positions represented a significant service reduction, it was anticipated that sufficient resources could be deployed that would keep services levels intact.

Commissioner Heyman stated that under the new structure a code compliance office was consolidated and centralized.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Heyman about the new structure of the department. She indicated that the two functions were outreach and code enforcement. She said that the outreach function was transferred to GIC and code enforcement remained under the ONC.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that it was now being recommended that the two departments be consolidated into Building and Neighborhood Compliance. This would streamline operations and keep code enforcement operations intact with some reorganization, said Ms. Glazer-Moon.

#### BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE

Commissioner Jordan asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report that analyzed the feasibility of the County merging the Building Department and the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Glazer-Moon advised Commissioner Gimenez that she would provide him with lease information on the Building Department facility located on Coral Way. She indicated that it was cost effective to maintain this facility due to its centralized location. Ms. Glazer-Moon did not believe that another facility was presently available that could accommodate this operation.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report listing the square footage for the Light Speed building, for other buildings discussed, and for the present operation.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Budget Director to provide her with a report regarding the legal feasibility of the County merging the Building Department and the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Ines Beecher, noted that page 26 of volume 1 indicated that the Building Code Compliance office would eliminate 23 positions and that it would be necessary to increase fees to cover costs of providing services. She further noted that Individual rate adjustments might be as much as 25 percent resulting in nominal increases of less than \$20 per square foot for most projects.

#### PLANNING & ZONING

Chairwoman Sorenson said, to avoid breaking the faith of the community, she would like to buy back the Community Council staff through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he supported the County Commission buying back the Community Council staff, however, he needed to identify

another funding source for that buy back. He asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report regarding the funding source(s) for the increased Department of Planning and Zoning reserve funds.

Ms. Glazer-Moon said that planning positions were funded by the general fund and did not recommend that fees be utilized to support these positions. She noted that the County did not allow departments to keep general fund money in reserve.

Commissioner Heyman inquired whether an existing method could be used achieve cost savings by regionalizing the community councils. She noted that the councils had difficulty attracting interested community members to participate and to attend meetings.

Ms. Glazer-Moon suggested that fewer meetings with fewer items would contribute toward cost savings. She said that the meetings being discussed were specifically non-zoning community council meetings.

Chairwoman Sorenson said that additional legislation was required to consolidate meetings.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report regarding the number of non-zoning community council meetings annually, the dates those meetings were scheduled, and the level of adequacy for that number of meetings.

Chairwoman Sorenson requested to buy back the planning positions for \$486,000 through a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Gimenez supported the Mayor's proposal to cut the planning positions. He asked the Budget Director to provide him with a report regarding the budgeted expense for the planning consultant that was recommended to be eliminated.

Chairwoman Sorenson and Commissioner Edmonson said that they would like to buy back the Office of Historic Preservation in the amount of \$242,000 through a millage adjustment.

Ms. Glazer-Moon informed Commissioner Gimenez that General Obligation Bond funding was available for historic preservation programs.

*She said that bond money was not used for administrative overhead support for these programs and individual projects were funded through a competitive process.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked the Budget Director to determine if any administrative surcharges were made.*

*WRAPUP*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked members to identify specific park programs that they desired to be maintained in the budget. She asked if staff needed any additional information relating to Community Based Organizations (CBO). She noted that if any other commission staff had memoranda indicating efficiencies or restorations, then to submit them for inclusion. Chairwoman Sorenson asked that information be provided for each one percent salary reduction within the following ranges \$0 - \$50,000; \$50,001 - \$100,000; \$100,001- \$150,000; \$150,001 - \$200,000; \$200,001 and more. She also asked for this to be broken down into the UMSA and countywide amounts.*

*Commissioner Gimenez requested that salaries be broken down based upon bargaining and non-bargaining units.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that this information could not be provided by tomorrows meeting.*

*Commissioner Gimenez asked the County Administration to provide an update on the resolution that was adopted pertaining to retirement.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that tomorrow's meeting would begin on page 55 with a discussion of CBO and proprietary departments.*

*Commissioner Heyman requested information pertaining to CBO allocations. She inquired about the impact of proposed funding cuts on their budgets taking into consideration the reduction in matching funds. Commissioner Heyman also noted that the community had voiced support and prioritized the need for specific services provided by the County. She inquired whether this information had been compiled.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson expressed her appreciation to all participants in today's workshop.*

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**092380 Discussion Item**

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS - COUNTYWIDE/UMSA

*Presented*

**Report:** *See Report Under Agenda Item 2A, Legislative File No. 092379.*

**DISCUSSIONS CARRYOVER--AUGUST 25, 2009**

**Report:** *The Budget, Planning, & Sustainability Committee reconvened its Budget Conference on August 25, 2009, at 9:44 a.m., there being present: Chairwoman Sorenson and member Commissioners Edmonson, Gimenez, Heyman and Jordan. Also present were staff members Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak; Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty; Office of Strategic Business Management Director Jennifer Glazer-Moon; Commission Auditor Charles Anderson; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Mary Smith-York.*

*County Commission Chairman Dennis C. Moss also attended today's meeting.*

*Following her welcome statement and opening remarks, Chairwoman Sorenson established the order of today's proceedings. She stated that following Commissioner Heyman's follow-up on her requests from yesterday's meeting, the committee would resume its budget review. Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Budget Director to address issues pertaining to the committee's requests, and to provide a realistic timeframe for response.*

*Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Director, Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM), noted OSBM had received over 150 requests regarding the budget from the 13 County commissioners, excluding the requests from yesterday's meeting. She stated staff would address those requests as quickly as possible; however, she felt it would not be possible to prepare responses for all of this Committee's requests. Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that staff would compile a comprehensive response to this Committee, and would present it by early next week. She explained that the response would provide the Committee with an overview of the fiscal impact of the suggested reductions, increases, and/or buybacks to expenditures to compare the balances.*

*Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that the Commission might not finalize the budget due to an undeclared impasse with the various unions. She clarified that the declaration of impasse had to be in place, for the five percent salary reduction to be implemented. She asked what steps could be taken to address this issue before the final budget*

hearing.

Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the Administration was meeting with each of the bargaining units, and had declared an impasse with some of them. She advised that the County Commission should ensure the revenue assumption had flexibility to address the impasse issue if the collective bargaining agreements were not finalized by October 1, 2009.

Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty advised the County Commission would have to take up the Collective Bargaining Agreements at a Commission meeting and decide on the impasse as a separate matter. Regarding Commissioner Jordan's question whether the County Commission should impose an impasse if all bargaining units did not declare an impasse, Mr. McCarty stated he would research this matter and report his findings.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she would provide Committee members with a list identifying those bargaining units that had already declared an impasse with the County.

Chairwoman Sorenson pointed out that the Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas (UMSA) budget needed to increase \$14.8 million from the Mayor's proposed budget to keep county employee salaries constant; and the rollback millage rate would increase the UMSA budget by \$15.3 million. She stated it would be difficult, even at the rollback rate, to maintain those salaries and restore any of the services being proposed for elimination.

Commissioner Edmonson pointed out that additional layoffs, beyond the currently proposed 1,700, would be inevitable if union negotiations remained at an impasse once the new budget year began.

Commissioner Heyman noted she had distributed several requests regarding this budget process; and advised that at least four committee members had inquired about the furlough issue. She stated that OSBM research found that 15,170 County employees could take furloughs. Considering furloughs could generate a savings of \$3.84 million a day, Commissioner Heyman pointed out. She asked the Commission Auditor to provide Committee members with a report identifying those 15,170 employees and indicating their

status. She explained that this information would assist with calculating the potential savings to be gained through the proposed furloughs based on salary increments, as opposed to the five percent pay reduction across the board.

Discussion ensued among committee members regarding Commissioner Heyman's recommendation that, because of the voluminous requests submitted to the County Manager and OSBM, Commissioners be allowed to question department directors. Issues addressed during this discussion included this matter requiring a Charter change and whether Commissioner Heyman was referring to inquiries, which could be directed to directors; or directives, which could only be communicated through the Mayor.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that commissioners were exempt from the communication restrictions in Section 4.04(B) of the Charter as provided by Section 1.01A(20) of the Charter: "...Make investigations of county affairs, inquire into the conduct, accounts, records, and transactions of any department or office of the county, and for these purposes require reports from all county officers and employees, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of records..."

Commission Chairman Moss questioned whether that legislation dealt with the Commission taking official action to request the information, and pointed out this did not address inquiries by individual commissioners.

Assistant County Attorney McCarty noted he would research the answer to Chairman Moss' question as well as research the provisions in the Charter pertaining to the Commission Auditor communicating with the County Administration.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty to provide a legal opinion on the feasibility and/or consequences of Commissioners obtaining information through public records requests.

In response to Chairwoman Edmonson's question regarding the subpoena process to have a department director to appear, Mr. McCarty advised that the Committee would need to issue a subpoena to a particular department director to have them appear. He noted this process could be done within a reasonable amount of time.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted she understood that the full Commission was required to determine whether to issue a subpoena as opposed to a Commission committee, to which Mr. McCarty agreed. He added that the Commission Auditor had the authority to subpoena apart from the Commission.

Discussion ensued among Committee members regarding the County Commission using the subpoena process to question department directors directly to get information since the current process took too long. Also included in this discussion was the lack department directors attending this meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that future sessions of this Budget Conference be held in the Commission Chambers and aired on television. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, followed by discussion.

Chairwoman Sorenson explained that she requested these sessions be held on the 18th floor because this was same place they were in 2007, and she felt the 18th floor was more conducive to productivity. She pointed out that these were to be work sessions and felt this was an appropriate setting for work; she added that the two (2) budget hearings were the forum for public input.

Commissioner Heyman spoke in support of the foregoing motion to hold the remaining budget workshops in the Commission Chambers. She noted it added more transparency. She expressed concern regarding the Mayor's radio broadcast pertaining to the Commissioners' requests for information from County staff. She noted the process for receiving information was obstructed through the designated channels.

Commissioner Jordan questioned how televising the budget sessions would impact the discussion process. She reminded her colleagues that shortly after the community voted for the strong mayor form of government the Mayor discouraged department directors from attending budget workshops since the Executive Office felt that the Commission had disrespected staff in tone and presentation. She noted she supported the current process for requesting information. Commissioner Jordan explained that when she was an Assistant County Manager a department director had

provided information directly to commissioners, and she was unable to respond to commissioners' questions because she had not reviewed the information. She also expressed concern that Commissioners' disagreements regarding budget issues would be televised.

County Manager George Burgess noted, on behalf of the Honorable Mayor Carlos Alvarez, that he had been briefed on how the content of this meeting was escalating in the wrong direction. He stated no one in the room deserved to be disrespected noting that staff was here to provide the Committee members with accurate information. He stated the Mayor, as the Chief Executive, would provide responses to the now over 170 different requests, written and otherwise. He explained that the responses to those requests would not be generated from several different directions; rather the information would be provided through the Mayor's and Manager's offices as quickly and accurately as possible. He noted he was displeased with the accusations that this administration was deceiving the commissioners and he stressed that those staff members present were professionals who deserved respect. Mr. Burgess noted that the County Mayor had authorized staff to leave this meeting if this disrespect continued.

BCC Chairman Moss noted that, as the County Commission Chair, he would listen to all comments, consider requests made, and would check the availability of Commission Chambers for future workshops, should the motion carry.

There being no further discussion on the motion to conduct the remaining budget conferences in the Commission Chambers, the Committee proceeded to vote, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed 3-2 (Chairwoman Sorenson and Commissioner Jordan voted "No"; Commissioner Martinez was absent).

Commissioner Heyman noted she wished to make an adjustment to her vote of support yesterday regarding the Historic Preservation Department to buyback 50% restoration of that department from her proposed deductions. She further noted the Office of the Commission Auditor advised her that eliminating six of the office's eight Legislative Assistants would total \$532,000. Commissioner Heyman requested the five restructured and consolidated Advisory Boards operate under one Executive Director for a savings of \$570,386.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked that issues regarding advisory boards be included in the list of items to be considered later today under Community Advocacy.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND UNINCORPORATED  
AREA MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Public Works

- Reduce mosquito helicopter spraying (\$243,000) resulting in the elimination of a potential six flyovers by helicopter: this reduction will be replaced by contracted aerial plane missions as needed; one pilot and one inspector will be eliminated.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted this proposal would eliminate the helicopter, pilot, and one other position related to the helicopter. She advised that the 15 flyovers by airplane would continue, and that staff was looking into contracting for helicopter flyovers. Staff also considered selling the helicopter and the issue of grant funding being used to purchase it, she stated. Ms. Glazer-Moon informed members that staff was also looking at ways to use the helicopter for cross-training employees of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) for maintenance, allowing Public Works to retain its helicopter for training purposes. She stated she would bring back a report indicating the number of flights this helicopter made in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09.

Commissioner Gimenez asked that he be provided with a report indicating the number of employees and pilots in this division, including the number of actual plane missions they had.

- Eliminate replacement of trees that are not covered under insurance (\$450,000); it is estimated that approximately 500 trees out of the existing 69,733 will be lost in FY 2009-10 as a result of natural causes; and eliminate three contracted roadside tractor mowing cycles (\$210,000) leaving nine cycles per year on large swale areas, four contracted landscape and four contracted litter cycles will be eliminated (\$480,000) leaving 16 landscape and litter cycles.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted she would like to buyback the replacement of trees for \$450,000, with a millage adjustment.

BCC Chairman Moss expressed concern with that three Public Works mowing cycles would be eliminated. He added that this section of the Commission Auditor's report included litter pick up cycles as well.

Commissioner Heyman advised committee members that she had obtained an Inmate Trustee Program's work assignment, which included sanitation and landscaping as services the Trustees performed. She noted the Corrections Department was asked to research the feasibility of Trustees being used to facilitate these maintenance services.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would buyback three contracted roadside tractor mowing cycles for \$210,000 with a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Heyman clarified that the three mowing cycles was the item she requested be deferred pending the receipt of more information and investigation regarding the use of inmate labor.

Chairwoman Sorenson requested the Committee buy back \$100,000 of the total reduction in operation impact with a millage adjustment. She noted that the public should be educated so they realized that reduced taxes would result in reduced services.

Commissioner Edmonson expressed her desire to keep the litter cycles at 100 percent and noted she would buy back the cycles at \$480,000 and the mowing cycles at \$210,000, for a combined total of \$690,000 with a millage adjustments.

Commissioner Heyman noted the litter pickup cycles was another service listed in the inmate work assignment log, which might be an option for restoring these services at little cost.

- The Department will reduce one of five pot hole patching crews (\$199,000) decreasing the response time to fill a pot hole to two days from one day (two semi-skilled laborers will be eliminated); herbicide spraying around guardrails will be eliminated (\$167,000) resulting in weeds growing for six months until the NEAT Teams can make a round to cut (two semi-skilled laborers will be eliminated).

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would buy back the pothole patching crew for \$199,000 with

a millage adjustment.

- The Department revised base operating expenditures lowering electricity costs by \$700,000 due to implementation of LED traffic signals, temporary help by \$100,000, fleet charges by \$200,000, night differential pay by \$160,000, and increased reimbursements due to stimulus projects \$500,000.

Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that this entire bullet was being deleted because it consisted of efficiencies that staff was able to implement without any cutbacks.

#### COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

- The 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the reduction of \$11.564 million of General Fund support; reductions include contracting all 2,268 Head Start and 230 Early Head Start slots to delegate agencies (\$5.292 million, 416 positions); eliminating transportation services (\$1.584 million, 25 positions), nine neighborhood services centers (\$4.225 million, 44 positions), citizen participation program (\$209,000, three positions) in the Self Help Division; a Quality Improvement position in Administration (\$67,000); and reducing \$188,000 in the CSBG Program to reduce overmatching of General Fund.

Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to include, in future budget proposals, language specifying the amount of employees and/or services that would remain once the proposed reduction or elimination was made.

Commissioner Jordan noted that in past, the County had reduced the number of days for Head Start to 160 days, which was the minimum allowed by the federal government. She suggested the County reduce the number of operating days rather than lay off employees to preserve the quality of the Head Start centers.

Discussion ensued among Committee members regarding whether delegate agencies could operate Head Start more cost effective, and whether the quality of care would be maintained by the delegate agencies.

Commissioner Edmonson suggested the Committee buy back 2,268 Head Start and 230 Early Head Start (VPK) slots at a cost of \$5.292 million and 416 additional positions with a

millage adjustment, pending receipt of the information requested by Commissioner Jordan.

Commissioner Jordan noted she had requested an additional report that stated for Head Start to maximize the early childhood programs, it created a partnership with the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. She explained that the State of Florida provided approximately \$2,000 per child, per year for 4-year-olds in VPK classrooms. Commissioner Jordan pointed out that the County should have sufficient funds for Head Start if those VPK funds were combined with Head Start funds.

Ms. Glazer-Moon affirmed that the waiting list for applicants to Head Start still existed, but noted she could not provide the exact number of children on the list at this time, but she would bring those figures back to Chairwoman Sorenson. She noted the report was being finalized; however, staff had taken the VPK dollars into account. Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that parents could choose whether to use the VPK dollars for three hours per day during the regular school year or for a summer program.

Commissioner Jordan noted she understood that VPK was designed to pay for a full VPK day; however, it was not designed to pay for a full Head Start day.

Ms. Irene Taylor-Wooten, Assistant to the County Manager, clarified that VPK funds would only pay for three hours of a full day's program during the regular school year, but paid for the full day in the summer.

Commissioner Jordan noted she disagreed with Ms. Taylor-Wooten's response, explaining that at the time of enrollment, social workers should endeavor to qualify children and parents for all eligible programs and services. She asked the Budget Director to include in the report that was being finalized the number of 4-year-olds in Head Start and how many of them were enrolled in VPK.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted she supported the Head Start program; however, her choice would be that the children have more days than the employees retain jobs with the County. She acknowledged that several very good delegate agencies performed well.

Regarding the Community Action Agency (CAA)

*eliminating transportation services, Ms. Glazer-Moon affirmed this included the transportation services that transported the elderly to and from the County's facilities for senior programs.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back the CAA transportation services for \$1,584,000 with a millage adjustment.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she would provide Commissioner Heyman with detailed information, identifying those elderly individuals/programs that used the CAA transportation service. She pointed out that many of the people in these programs would be eligible for Special Transportation Services (STS).*

*Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Glazer-Moon whether the CAA transportation was a duplication of, or an alternative to, STS transportation and whether it was the only means of transportation for the seniors. Commissioner Heyman also asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to identify the programs impacted by the \$1,584,000 transportation service.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that staff could provide the specific information about the people who were provided these transportation services. She clarified that most of these people participated in programs provided by CAA and the Department of Human Services. She explained that several of the programs that the seniors were transported to and from were also being eliminated.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked Chairwoman Sorenson to defer this item pending receipt of the information identifying which program participants had no alternative form of transportation.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon informed members that if a Commission member indicated a willingness to buy back certain programs with a millage or other adjustments, staff would provide the total costs of those particular programs. She explained that including transportation services for Neighborhood Service Centers (NCS) was a complex process. Ms. Glazer-Moon stated the senior meals component could not be brought back without bringing back the NSC.*

*Commissioner Edmonson suggested the Committee buy back the CAA transportation services for \$1,584,000 with a millage adjustments.*

Chairwoman Sorenson and Commissioners Edmonson and Jordan suggested the Committee buy back the nine NSC at \$4,225,000 with a millage adjustment.

Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to provide her with a list identifying the location of each NSC scheduled to be eliminated.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the NSC to be eliminated were: Cocomut Grove, Hialeah, Florida City, Naranja, Miami Gardens, and Wynwood, noting the remaining NSC were funded by Community Service Block Grants (CSBG). She stated she would provide Committee members with a list identifying those centers and their locations.

Commissioner Jordan noted, for the record, that the NSC were being eliminated in the most impoverished locations in the County. She noted she would buy back one of the three positions being eliminated in the Self Help Division with millage adjustment.

#### COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

- Due to unrealized grants, carryover, and contractual revenues during FY 2008-09, the Office implemented mid-year reductions including the elimination of an Executive Secretary position (\$19,000), and a reduction of executive benefits for 7 staff members (\$27,000); these reductions represent a total savings of \$108,000 in FY 2009-10, and the reduction of an Executive Secretary, an Administrative Officer 3, and four Program Officer 2 positions (\$788,000); coordination of the Goodwill Ambassador program will be absorbed by the County Executive Office.

Commissioner Heyman questioned why the executive Secretary position (\$19,000) would be eliminated, while positions valued at \$128,000, \$137,000, \$55,000 for office operations would be retained, as well as a \$248,000 executive. She stated only one (1) person was needed to oversee the advocacy and one (1) person to run the office. Commissioner Heyman recommended the Executive Secretary position be retained to perform the administrative duties and emphasized this issue should be revisited.

Ms. Glazer-Moon identified the five (5) boards that would be serviced by the aforementioned positions as: Community Relations Board; Asian American Advisory Board; Black Affairs Advisory Board; Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board; and the

*Commission for Women.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted a budget of \$507,000 for four people to oversee those five boards was excessive. She suggested those funds be directed elsewhere.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he agreed that the policy boards should come under the County Commission, however, he could not support a budget of \$800,000 to support these Boards, which met approximately once a month. He recommended the Committee allocate \$400,000 to support the five advisory boards and asked that \$420,000 be taken from this budget allocation and added to the other savings that he had recommended.*

*Commissioner Heyman recommended \$570,386 from the advisory board's budget be allocated to the budget for CBOs. She also agreed these boards should come under the County Commission and requested her identified savings be used for the \$570,386.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back 80 percent (\$667,200) of the \$834,000 for Community Advocacy boards.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted she supported the recommended reductions; however, she stated she would like to move this function under the County Commission's purview.*

*HUMAN SERVICES*

*• The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a reduction of 86 positions due to reduced grant funding, including 40 from the Elderly Division, 10 from Child Development Services, 18 from Employment and Training, 14 from Rehabilitative Services, 4 from Targeted Services and the elimination of \$17.829 million in General Fund support and 213 positions including the elimination of Elderly Services Division and the Senior Advocate (\$12.511 million, 181 positions); the Family and Victim Services Unit (\$1.863 million, 15 positions); Summer Youth Employment (\$1 million) which will be supported through a Community Action Agency CSBG; Domestic Violence Intake Unit (\$548,000, 6 positions); Emergency Financial Assistance Program for individuals pending SSI approval (\$375,000, 1 position); a Health Services Administration position in Rehabilitative Services Division (\$121,000); the Child Advocate*

(\$183,000); Facility and Maintenance expenditures (\$750,000, 7 positions); department-wide expenditures (\$186,000); Director of Administration and various operating expenditures (\$203,000) in the Administration Division; and a Contract Officer position transferred from the Office of Grants Coordination (\$89,000).

Commissioner Heyman noted these were critically needed services, especially for the elderly. Expressing her support for funding these types of services, she explained that the funds did not have to come directly through Miami-Dade County; they could come from a different organization.

Commissioner Gimenez asked the County Administration to provide him with a list detailing the subset of the \$17.829 million in General Fund support and the subset of the Family & Victims services for \$1.863 million, including the number of people served, and the percentage of the reduction.

Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that Volume No. 2 of the proposed budget had lists for each program on page 619 with the number of clients or contacts, the budget, the source of funding, and the associated staff. She noted she would provide a detailed breakdown showing how much was from General Funds and how much was from Grant Funds.

Commissioner Jordan emphasized the importance of the programs provided by Human Services. She suggested the Committee buy back 80 percent of the proposed reductions to the Human Services budget with a millage adjustment.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the Committee buy back everything in Human Services, with the exception of the Summer Youth Employment Program, which would be supported through a CAA CSBG, and the Emergency Financial Assistance Program for individuals pending SSI payments, for the amount of \$16,454,000 with a millage adjustment.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Committee would break from its consideration of the proposed budget momentarily to have the Assistant County Attorney provide his responses to questions raised August 24 by members of the Committee.

DISCUSSION

Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted, with regard to the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) issues raised by Commissioner Jordan, the Board would need to approve, ratify, or arbitrate an impasse. He advised that if the Board did not approve an agreement, the status quo would remain in place.

Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that if the Board adopted the budget without making provisions for funding the proposed 5 percent employee pay cut, the additional funds for employee salaries' would have to be identified. She noted if the Board considered cutting services to recover that funding, that would mean more layoffs. Ms. Glazer-Moon stated she was unable to identify the number of unions that had already declared an impasse; however, she knew three unions that had agreed to go directly to the Board for arbitration: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) General 199; Aviation AFSCME 1542; and Solid Waste AFSCME 3292. Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that she understood an impasse had been declared with the Transport Workers Union (TWU), but stated she was not aware of whether an agreement was reached.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question whether unions could go outside the County for arbitration once an impasse was declared, Mr. McCarty affirmed this was correct, and he added this process could take several months.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's concern regarding the ramifications if the County took no action by October 1, 2009, Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that in that case, the departments would be liable for the 5 percent; and particularly those funded with the General Fund budget would need to identify a source of funds to accommodate this payment.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that not all departments were funded by the General Fund. He explained that he would not support a 5 percent salary reduction for the employees in proprietary departments.

Ms. Glazer-Moon provided an answer to Commissioner Gimenez' August 24 question regarding the Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) reserve. She explained that the MDT reserve comprised of the 5 percent salary reduction and the reductions associated with merit increases and bonuses,

because the Maintenance of Effort remained flat. Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that staff made this transfer to MDT reserves without adjusting the General Fund allocation for those other reductions, so it could be used by MDT to continue services in the future. She stated this was similar to the process used for the proprietary departments, wherein the rates would remain current and the funding from the 5 percent salary reduction would be placed in reserves to forestall future rate increases. Ms. Glazer-Moon pointed out that if the economy did not recover, it would be increasingly difficult to pass rate adjustments on to customers. She explained that the concept of the 5 percent was to not only make a savings to the current year, but also to generate savings to reduce the base expenditures for future years.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the Committee consider reducing salaries 5 percent for those above medium income and not giving the 5 percent cut for those whose salaries were below medium income.

Commissioner Gimenez concurred with Chairwoman Sorenson's recommendation differentiating whose salaries would be cut 5 percent, and recommended the executives taking more than a 5 percent reduction.

Commissioner Heyman noted she did not support the 5 percent salary reduction. She noted the County Commission should consider who was doing the work, who was exempt, who earned less than \$50,000, who was part-time, who was eligible for furlough, and what the ratio of disposable income was. Commissioner Heyman explained that once more figures were received, she hoped adjustments could be made that would not require the 5 percent cut.

BCC Chairman Moss noted he saw no alternative to the 5 percent cuts; however, he expressed his support for a tiered process, but felt the cuts should be across the board for equality.

In response to Commissioner Jordan's question of whether the Board had the authority to force the unions to do arbitration before the commission, Mr. McCarty stated he did not believe that was the case.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the three previously disclosed unions which had declared impasse, had agreed in writing, and the Fire Union President

had indicated verbally, that they would have their arbitration before the Board. She advised that if the Board chose not to take a position regarding the salary adjustments, it could opt to have the funding placed in reserve. She noted, however, if no funding was made available in excess of the proposed budget, the Board would need to reduce services, which would cause a layoff of employees.

Upon conclusion of the foregoing, Chairwoman Sorenson closed the open discussion and the Committee proceeded to consider the proposed budget.

#### PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY

- Realignment of staff in the Asset Management Division has allowed for a reduction of \$369,000 in overtime expenses in FY 2009-10; in addition, as part of a department-wide fleet reduction initiative, MDPHA reduced related expenses by \$423,000 in FY 2008-09, and through a series of security improvements at various sites, MDPHA has reduced the need for security guard services, which is expected to yield \$2.138 million in savings in FY 2009-10.

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes savings of \$83,000 resulting from operational efficiencies, such as direct deposit and direct debit, which eliminates the need for checks and postage.

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a net reduction of 132 positions as a result of an extensive reorganization process and the outsourcing of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program; eliminations include 14 positions from Asset Management (formerly Public Housing), 11 positions from Housing Development, 100 positions from Contract Administration (formerly Private Rental) and 17 positions from Administration; added positions include one position in the Executive Director's Office, four positions in Technical Services, four positions in Development Initiatives, and one position in Finance and Accounting.

Chairwoman Sorenson advised efficiencies were found for the foregoing items.

Commissioner Gimenez mentioned that the foregoing items were not supported by the General Fund.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Film and Entertainment*

• The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a reduction of \$20,000 in marketing related expenses; operational impact includes reduced activities that promote Miami-Dade County as a premiere production location; and includes a reduction of the Director of Marketing position (\$152,000); the reduction will have a significant impact on the level of direct services provided to individual clients and the industry as a whole.

Commissioner Heyman noted this was a department that generated revenues and someone had to be available to provide the permits. She noted she wanted to keep the Director of Marketing position and revisit the remaining positions within this department for possible consolidation and privatization.

Ms. Glazer-Moon apprised Committee members that the total proposed budget for this department was \$473,000, with three (3) positions.

*International Trade Consortium (ITC)*

• The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a reduction of \$50,000 for the Gateway Florida/ITC program; the two primary objectives of the program are to promote Bi-Lateral Free Trade Agreements and to advocate for the Alliance for Growth and Prosperity, an Economic Impact Study on Trade (\$30,000), and \$105,000 in various marketing related expenses, including printing, protocol gifts, sponsorships, anticipated salary savings, memberships, advertising, website updates and replacement of equipment; these reductions will further inhibit the department's ability to promote Miami-Dade County as a global gateway.

• The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the elimination of a part-time Accountant 1 position (\$26,000), a part-time Driver/Messenger position (\$20,000), a Secretary position (\$51,000) that supports the Sister Cities program; and a reduction of \$29,000 in foreign travel, resulting in fewer annual trade missions.

Commissioner Heyman suggested the Committee buy back this item by having the \$878,000 absorbed by the Beacon Council, Greater Miami Visitors Bureau, and other agencies funded by the County through surcharges, taxes, and other funding streams.

Commissioner Jordan asked whether the term "having the items assumed" meant not using County funding, to which Chairwoman Sorenson replied yes.

BCC Chairman Moss emphasized the ITC's extremely important role to provide the ability to have individuals go out and bring trade to this community.

#### SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation includes the elimination four positions from the Contract Monitoring and Compliance Division; one Clerk 2, two Contract Compliance Officer 1 positions, and one Contract Compliance Officer 2 position (\$248,000), one Administrative Secretary position (\$55,000), and elimination of one vacant Technical Assistance Coordinator position (\$83,000).

Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back 80 percent of this entire function at \$309,600 with a millage adjustments.

#### ENABLING STRATEGIES

##### Audit and Management Services

- The Department eliminated six positions from the Audit Services Division (\$496,000), this reduction may lead to fewer audits being conducted, and eliminate \$75,000 in operating expenses.

Commissioner Heyman requested that an additional 5 percent be added to the proposed 10 percent reduction within this department's budget, for a total reduction of 15 percent (approximately \$350,000).

Later in the meeting, in response to Commissioner Jordan's question as to whether the County was still funding attorney positions for the State Attorney's Office, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that position was in Audit & Management Services (AMS), and was still out-stationed to the State Attorney's Office. She explained this was done specific to the housing investigations and was part of a team assembled with the State Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that the State Attorney's Office should be responsible to fund its own investigators, pointing out that the one out-stationed position could fund at least two

*of the six positions that were being eliminated in AMS. She asked that a study be done on the retrieval of resources from the State Attorney's Office to help fund positions in the AMS department.*

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

*Chairwoman Sorenson deferred discussion on the proposed Capital Improvements Budget.*

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

- The Department will eliminate one Preventative Maintenance and Repair Team that will reduce the frequency of periodic maintenance performed on facility equipment, which may result in higher repair costs and increase the frequency of equipment failure (6 positions, and \$324,000) and eliminate one vacant Fleet Procurement Supervisor position which will delay the procurement of fleet commodities (\$86,000).*

*Chairwoman Sorenson stated she would like to buy back the elimination of one Preventative Maintenance and Repair Team for \$324,000 with a millage adjustment.*

*Commissioner Heyman proposed that additional reductions be made to this function due to inflated cost for services. She recommended the County contract out some of the maintenance services since the cost was too high. Commissioner Heyman requested that staff revisit this issue for further reductions.*

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan reduces The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan reduces two Maintenance Mechanic positions, one Carpenter position, one Electrician position, and two Refrigeration Mechanic positions, which will delay renovation and construction projects (\$363,000).*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted she would like to restore this function for \$363,000 with a millage adjustment.*

**GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CENTER**

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes reductions to temporary help and travel expenses (\$77,000) and includes the following reductions in the 311 Call Center as a result of the slowdown in the economy: reduce 311 Call Center service hours on Saturdays from 8am to 8pm to 8am to 5pm, eliminate 8am to 8pm service hours on Sundays, eliminate Transit*

information/trip planning on 11 holidays, reduce miscellaneous operating expenses, and eliminate 13 positions (\$771,000); reductions eliminate the ability of the call center to answer approximately 253,000 calls annually; reductions may also diminish the quality and efficiency of the call center operation by providing for a less accurate knowledgebase.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would like to buy back half of the 311 Call Center position reductions for \$400,000 using funds accrued from ITC, AMS, CAA, or other departments included in the running tab of reclaimed funds.

#### GRANTS COORDINATION

- The FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the reduction of \$285,000 in operating line items associated with travel, training, computer purchases, PC maintenance, data processing services, anticipated salary savings, advertising, graphic services, work order tickets and capital expenditures; these reductions will reduce resources for technical assistance trainings and workshops, delay computer repair and replacement, and will impact the department's ability to respond to unanticipated service needs.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Committee would revisit this function when it considered the Community Based Organizations budget.

#### Human Resources

- As a result of the Department's reorganization efforts, the FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the elimination of one Senior Labor Manager position (\$93,000), one Deputy Director, one Administrative Secretary, and one HR Program Developer position and various miscellaneous department-wide operating expenditures to include travel, training, work orders, office supplies, IT hardware, printing, and equipment; as a result of these reductions administrative support will be reduced and some delays may occur with the implementation and maintenance of various HR programs to include countywide succession planning, leadership education, and the mentoring, internship, apprenticeship, and new employee orientation programs; and administrative support (\$502,000); and eliminates one Data Entry Specialist position (\$47,000) and one HR Program Developer position (\$65,000); the elimination of these positions will result in some delays in the internal

*placement and recruitment process.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buyback the Deputy Director position for \$112,000.*

*Inspector General*

- The OIG's FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the elimination of three positions (\$289,000); as a result of these reductions, the OIG may experience some delays in the reporting and handling of investigations and \$198,000 in operating reductions to include printing, travel, training, IT hardware, equipment, GSA work orders, and subscriptions.*

*Commissioner Heyman suggested the Committee restore one investigator position for \$80,000. She listed, for the record, the Inspector General's accomplishments made during Fiscal Year 2008-09.*

*Human Right and Fair Employment Practices*

- As a result of the Department's consolidation with the Commission on Human Rights, the FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes the elimination of the Commission on Human Rights Executive Director (\$153,000), the responsibilities of which will be assumed by existing resources; and includes the elimination of one Training Specialist 3 (\$65,000) and one Fair Employment Practices Specialist 1 (\$60,000); these reductions will limit the department's ability to process and handle fair employment case workload and provide necessary training regarding employee compliance and prevention.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back the Commission on Human Rights Executive Director position for \$153,000.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the current director of Fair Employment Practices (FEP) would assume the responsibilities of the Human Rights Executive director, and the positions would be transferred into the FEP department to provide support.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson explained that she would defer the discussions regarding Community Based Organizations and General Obligation Bonds to tomorrow's meeting (8/26) so that Commissioners Edmonson and Gimenez could be present. The Committee then revisited the Park and Recreation*

discussion held on August 24, 2009.

#### RECREATION AND CULTURE

##### *Park and Recreation*

- A reduction of \$779,000 to include the elimination of ten vacant full-time positions including five Zookeepers, two Horticulture Specialists, one Public Facilities Manager 3, and two Concession Attendants; the elimination of the two Horticulture Specialists will require that the zoo rely on more volunteers to initiate any new planting projects; one Zookeeper position for the Amphitheater is being eliminated while the Amphitheater is under construction; and as revenues increase during the fiscal year, the five Zookeepers, one Public Facilities Manager 3, and two Concession Attendants may be added back as overages to support Miami Metrozoo operations; and a reduction of 22,188 in part-time hours; as a result, part-time hours will be reduced during the Zoo's slower periods which may result in the closing of some concession stands, a reduction in tours, and the monorail station.
- A reduction that includes \$424,000 in security services and six full-time positions; \$86,000 for promotional materials and marketing; \$54,000 in reductions to part-time hours resulting in a decrease in the grounds maintenance service; and \$16,000 in various miscellaneous operating expenses in the Marinas Division.
- Eliminates \$1.689 million and 20 full-time positions in the Facility Maintenance Division to include Carpenter support services (\$303,000, six positions) which will result in a seven percent reduction in work orders; a reduction to Heavy Equipment Services (\$627,000, five positions) which will result in a 13 percent reduction in service orders; a reduction to Trade supervision (\$158,000, two positions) which will result in a 15 percent reduction in trades supervision; and a reduction to Parks Maintenance Technicians (\$601,000, seven positions) which eliminates the remaining proactive maintenance park activities; with the elimination of life cycle maintenance in FY 07-08, patrons will begin to see deteriorating parks.
- In the FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan for the Deering Estate and Attractions Division includes \$1.985 million and 16 positions in reductions to include the elimination of the "Fall in Love" concert event held in November

*and reductions to professional services used to contract performers/singers for the various events (\$50,000); the elimination of one Park Attendant position responsible for the day-to-day park maintenance and upkeep (\$48,000); and \$1.887 million and 15 positions to include the closing of the nature centers and eliminating all EcoAdventure programming and interpretive.*

- Includes reductions of \$835,000 to include reclassifying the Haulover Golf Course to an "executive golf course" transferring the course from the Golf Division to Park Operations making the course an amenity and function of Haulover Park (\$71,000); eliminating nine full-time positions (\$614,000); reducing 12,147 part-time hours at Country Club of Miami, Palmetto, Briar Bay, and Crandon (\$150,000).*
- The Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a reduction of \$895,000 and six full-time positions in the Pools Division to include reducing five of the seven pools open year round to a 10-week operations (\$656,000, four positions); eliminating two weeks of pool preparation (\$49,000); the South Dade Pool will now operate only 10 weeks a year from 6 months (\$66,000); and the elimination of one Recreational Specialist 1 position and one Recreational Specialist 2 position (\$124,000) which will result in the Department restructuring the supervision of pools.*
- The elimination of one Office Support Specialist 2 and one Park Service Officer 2 positions and miscellaneous operating expenditures to include office equipment and supplies (\$170,000) in the Planning and Development Division.*
- As a result of the economic downturn, the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan in the Arts and Culture Division includes reducing staff at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium and contracts out concession and custodial services (\$256,000, four full-time positions); reduces marketing and promotional materials (\$44,000); and closes the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center will operate as a break even fees and charges basis or grant subsidized (\$449,000, four full-time positions); the center will staff only one custodial worker and one Recreation Specialist 1 to handle inquires to use/rent facility for programs and day-to-day oversight in the Arts and Culture Division.*

- *The elimination of \$1.547 million in reductions and 17 positions to include an overall administrative departmental reorganization; reductions to travel, air cards, beepers and cell phones; and reductions to part-time hours and staff in the Administration Division.*
- *A reductions of \$4.334 million and 56 positions in reductions in the Park Operations Division to include reducing part-time guard hours at Crandon and Haulover parks (\$115,000) which may result in increased criminal activities; reduces work order expenses (\$100,000); closes Atoll pool operations at Homestead Bayfront (\$173,000, one full-time position) and at Matheson parks (\$224,000, two full time positions); closes the Animal Farm at Amelia Earhart Park (\$211,000, one full-time position) which eliminates the 4-H Program; includes a reduction of \$85,000, one-full-time position in custodial services in park operations; restrooms in parks will now be cleaned once a day from twice a day at various parks; reduces the operations at Larry and Penny Thompson Lake (\$200,000, two positions) – the lake will only operate for 10-weeks during the summer and the beach area and slide and concession stand will be closed; includes \$1.420 million and 22 positions in reductions by converting full-time positions to part-time, reducing part-time and over hours and staffing, reducing various commodity expenditure and facility and grounds maintenance service levels; eliminates 19 vans as a result of eliminating after school pick-up for the After School program (\$52,000) and eliminates six trucks as a result of reduced roving crews (\$16,000); and eliminates 27 positions and \$1.738 million - parks with CBO producing opportunities such as shelter and building rentals will now be manned by part-time staff only and supervised by a full-time Field Service Areas Manager; part-time staff will be used on an as needed basis; the department will no longer be able to provide volunteer support for park events to include the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show, Ribfest, 4 of July, or any other planned events; no supervised programming will be provided unless it is funded through fees and charges or grant subsidized.*
- *The Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes total reduction of 47 positions (\$2.476 million) in the Grounds Maintenance Division to include reductions at Haulover Park in grounds maintenance cycles, part-time hours, and the elimination of two full-*

time Park Attendant positions (\$114,000); reductions at Homestead Bayfront Park to include adjustments in part-time hours and maintenance cycles (\$21,000); reductions at Greynolds Park to include maintenance cycles, part-time hours, and the elimination of one full-time Park Attendant position (\$80,000); reductions at Matheson Park to include maintenance cycles and the elimination of one full-time Park Attendant position (\$40,000); reductions at Black Point and Matheson Hammock parks to include maintenance cycles and part-time hours (\$36,000); and the elimination seven full-time positions at various parks resulting in various areas of the park being maintained at rough cut levels (\$305,000); in addition, one vacant full-time Biologist position is eliminated in the Tree Crew unit and vehicle repair expenses are reduced \$109,000); six full-time positions are eliminated in the Natural Areas Management unit which reduces tree crew workforce by 33 percent (\$436,000); ten full-time park attendant positions (\$456,000) in the Community Park unit requiring that maintenance cycles at ten community parks will now be performed approximately once a week from five times a week; roving crews will perform the maintenance duties for the community parks on their scheduled visit including litter pick-up and lawn maintenance; in addition, restroom cleaning will now be performed once a day from twice daily; 19 full-time positions (\$879,000) will be reduced in the Roving Crew unit which represents a 25 percent overall reduction in annual maintenance cycles; maintenance cycles for community, district, and metropolitan parks will now be performed 16 times a year from 26 times; greenways and mini parks maintenance cycles will now be performed 8 times a year from 12; natural areas maintenance cycles will now be performed 10 times a year from 12 for unstaffed areas and 18 times a year from 26 for staffed areas; neighborhood parks maintenance cycles will now be performed 11 times a year from 18; single purpose parks maintenance cycles will now be performed 17 times a year from 26; and for special activity areas, maintenance cycles will now be performed 11 times a year from 12 for unstaffed areas and 17 from 26 for staffed; as part of the reductions, four Landscape Supervisors were eliminated and as a result the Department will begin a reorganization of this unit.

• A reduction of \$3.149 million and 25 positions in reductions in Park programming including six positions in the Leisure Access Division and the

*conversion of one full-time Account Clerk position to part-time; five full-time positions (\$303,000) are eliminated resulting in the cancellation of the aquatic program for those individuals with disabilities; and Includes; reductions in the Medicaid Waiver Programs from Miami-Dade County Public Schools resulted in programming support being offered only three days a week from five; in addition, the Community Action Agency cancelled its contract with the Department, which provided seniors with a fitness and art activity once a week; also as part of the reductions the Medicaid's cancellation of funding for non-residential habilitation activities; General Fund subsidy for the Senior Programs (\$236,000, three positions) is eliminated, and in addition, \$2.913 million in General Fund subsidy support is eliminated for After School (\$1.297 million, seven positions), Track and Field (\$252,000, two positions), Sports Development (\$354,000), Fencing (\$94,000, one position), and one day winter, spring, and summer camps (\$916,000, six positions) - these program will continue to operate only as a break even fees and charges basis or grant subsidized.*

*• In FY 2009-10, the following events are not supported by the General Fund: Noches Tropicales, the annual Cornucopia of the Arts, the Fourth of July at Amelia Earhart Park, the Love-In at Greynolds Park, the Homestead Air Reserve Park Ribfest, and the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson suggested the Committee buy back positions in the Facility Maintenance Division, the Deering Estate and Attractions Division, Pools Division, Park Operations and Park Programming Divisions. She asked that \$5,399,000 be funded with Countywide funds and \$6,330,000 be taken from UMSA, for a total of \$11,702,000.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back those services within Park Programming and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's concerns that parks would be closed and programs terminated due to eliminating manpower, Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that no parks were being closed. She noted, however, programming and maintenance services were being significantly reduced and some parks' nature centers were being closed.*

Commissioner Heyman suggested, in lieu of paying the overall cost to operate Park & Recreation, the County Commission fund a particular event within a program. She explained she understood that once the reduction of Park positions occurred, the parks' activities would cease. Commissioner Heyman questioned whether funds could be earmarked to allow the nature centers and EcoAdventure programming to continue at a decreased level.

Commissioner Heyman noted for the record that she received a report from the inmate trustee program, stating that the work assignments for cleanup duty allowed inmates outside the correctional facility, limited to community roadways, parks, and other government owned properties. She asked that the inmate trustee program be considered as an alternative to the proposed reduction of park maintenance and cleanup. She pointed out that legal representatives from the State of Florida had confirmed that using the inmates would not add costs; the State would transport the inmates.

Ms. Glazer-Moon requested the opportunity to meet with Commissioner Heyman to discuss the use of inmate trustees and noted this issue was more complicated than it sounded.

Chairwoman Sorenson asked Commissioner Heyman to submit her list and meet with the Budget Director for further discussion on this matter.

Chairman Moss advised members of the Committee that the Commission Chambers would be available for the Committee to reconvene there tomorrow (8/26) and gave his approval of this action.

#### Library

- The Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Resource Allocation Plan includes a reduction in library programming for event performers and supplies (\$99,000) and miscellaneous promotional expenditures to include printing, advertising and marketing collateral (\$134,000); delay previously planned repairs and renovations of one-time major capital projects systemwide (\$3.122 million); miscellaneous reductions in outside contractors, temporary laborers, building materials, plumbing and electrical fixtures (\$892,000); reductions to GSA work orders for

cosmetic repairs of aging library branch facilities (\$1.625 million); reduce \$17.415 million in operating expenditures to include the elimination of 140 full-time positions and 124 part-time positions at various library branch facilities countywide (\$8.620 million) library hours will be reduced by one day; other adjustments include reductions in the purchasing of library books and materials (\$4.853 million); the elimination of 3 hours of portal services at the Coral Gables library branch and three regional facilities (North Dade, West Dade, and West Kendall) and additional portal services for library programming events (\$313,000); delayed implementation of the security access control system throughout the library facilities (\$212,000); reductions to contracted security guard hours system-wide (\$350,000) and automation services (\$2.884 million); and various equipment and furniture replacement (\$183,000).

Commissioner Heyman asked the Budget Director to include as part of the overall budget a list of those departments that had no proposed reductions, such as the Office of Sustainability, and present it for committee review and possible changes.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted staff would provide the Board with a Table of Organization the following day (8/26).

Referring to the discussion regarding the use of inmate trustees, Commissioner Jordan asked whether State of Florida inmates were being considered for these activities. She pointed out that the City of Miami Gardens currently used trustees from the State to perform all its road maintenance work.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's question on the proposal to close libraries one day a week, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the budget would reduce the days libraries were open by one day. She explained that each library would operate on a different schedule, based on community needs, and would be closed on different days.

Chairwoman Sorenson and Commissioner Jordan suggested the Committee buy back the days the libraries would be closed.

Having concluded its discussion of today's agenda, the Budget, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recessed its meeting at 4:09 p.m. The

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*Meeting Minutes*

*Monday, August 24, 2009*

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*Committee was scheduled to reconvene on August 26, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.*

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**DISCUSSIONS CARRYOVER--AUGUST 26, 2009**

**Report:** *The Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee convened a Budget Conference in the Stephen P. Clark Center Commission Chamber, 111 N.W. First Street, Miami, Florida 33128, at 9:30 a.m. on August 26, 2009; there being present upon roll call Committee members Katy Sorenson, Chairwoman; and Commissioners Edmonson, Heyman, and Jordan (Commissioner Gimenez was late; Commissioner Martinez was absent); and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Alicia Stephenson.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson convened the meeting at 9:47 a.m. She noted that during the past two days, this Committee reviewed pages 47 through 62 of the 2009-2010 Proposed Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan, Volume 1, and identified several possible proposed items that could be cut from the budget; items the Committee members desired to buy back; and whether commissioners were willing to buy back the items with monies recaptured through millage rate adjustments or other efficiencies. She also noted that Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor, was creating a list of these proposed cuts, buy backs, and efficiencies. Chairwoman Sorenson further noted that the Committee today (8/26) would revisit issues relating to the Community Based Organizations (CBOs), address the General Obligation Bond and its related millage rate, address the County's proprietary departments, and address the possible option of deferring capital projects.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson initiated discussion regarding an issue addressed at yesterday's (8/25) Budget Conference Committee meeting regarding salaries. She asked whether reserves could be found in any area other than that of salaries in the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA).*

*Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Office of Strategic Business Management Budget Director, explained that the revenues accruing to MDTA were in excess of MDTA's expenditure need for next Fiscal Year (FY). She also noted the amount of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) taken from the Countywide General Fund (General Fund) and given to MDTA was kept at the same level as last year rather than reduced by the amount associated with the salary reduction. Ms. Glazer-Moon*

further noted that the General Fund did not include a reserve for tax supported operations associated with the 5% salary reduction. She explained that the Wage Adjustment Separation and Energy Reserve was included in the General Fund, and the amount of this reserve had been increased by approximately \$10 million in order to provide for a separation that could occur if the Commission did not adopt all layoffs proposed by staff. Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the possible separation would require payouts to employees and staff wanted to ensure that provisions were made for those payouts in order to avoid the need to make adjustments during next FY. She clarified that the \$10 million increase was not associated with the proposed 5% salary reduction.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to questions from Commissioner Gimenez regarding a resolution instructing the County Administration to prepare a survey to gauge employees' interest in early retirement. She noted the survey had not been done, but a report on the subject and on issues relating to other early departure programs was being finalized.

At Commissioner Gimenez's request, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she would request that someone appear before this Committee today (8/26) to clarify what the report on the survey and departure program issues would say.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiries regarding salaries in the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA). She explained that the fiscal impact of a 5% salary adjustment in UMSA would be virtually all of the additional revenue that would accrue to UMSA by going to rollback. She further explained that reinstating salaries in UMSA while achieving either a flat rate or the rate proposed in the Mayor's budget was almost impossible without service cuts being made in addition to those cuts proposed in the 2009-2010 Proposed Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan (the budget).

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern that she perceived the only options being presented to the Commission with regard to the budget were to roll back the rates or cut services. She noted that some members of County staff had been employed for more than 20 years and wanted to retire, but needed health insurance. Commissioner Heyman noted another possible option was to keep these

employees insured for three to five years.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that a report to be submitted within the next two days would address issues regarding the option proposed by Commissioner Heyman.

Commissioner Jordan noted she did not want the community to be misled to think that the solution to the County's budget problems was simply to cut wasteful expenditures. She asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to ensure that a copy of a plan developed years ago for a departure incentive program was included in the report on early retirement and other early departure program issues.

Commissioner Gimenez later asked that this report include the impact of a departure incentive program in light of the \$10 million that was added to the proposed budget for issues relating to separation of employees and layoffs. He also asked that the report answer the questions of whether the Fire Rescue Department provided call back pay and if so, whether air rescuers received call back pay. Additionally, he asked that if the air rescuers did not receive this pay, the report include an analysis of having one additional air rescue helicopter available for use instead of two, and at the same time providing additional call back pay to every staff member, so that two of the helicopters were in use as necessary for only a period of time, like during the dry season.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern that over the past few days, this Committee had not reached any consensus. She noted she did not feel assured that the minimum required seven votes would be reached on any issue at the County's Budget Hearings scheduled for September 3, 2009 and September 17, 2009.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted her goal of the Committee developing three budgets was ambitious, but, knowing that the Committee could not get answers to all questions that Committee members had asked, she felt the best course of action included asking the Commission Auditor to evaluate with the County Administration efficiencies that were identified by the commissioners, to determine whether the efficiencies were real and/or what would be necessary to accomplish them and then submit to each Commissioner a report listing the efficiencies and the amounts that would be saved by each efficiency, the items each Committee member

wanted to buy back, with the corresponding resource by which those items would be bought buy back (e.g. efficiencies, millage adjustments), and rates at which they would be bought back, and proposed enhancements with their corresponding costs.

Later in the meeting, Chairwoman Sorenson asked that the foregoing requested report include the information requested by Commissioner Gimenez regarding items that would be cut from the County's budget whether or not the Commission increased the millage rates.

In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's request for clarification regarding \$310 million being unavailable because the Commission voted to buy back items using the \$117 million to be produced by rate rollback, and voted to use not more than that amount to buy back items, Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that a gap of \$427 million existed between the dollar amount needed to deliver services at the same level as last year and the dollar amount expected to be generated by millage rates proposed in the overall budget. She further explained that the Commission would not have been able to retrieve all monies lost through monetary adjustments to the tax supported budget by making millage rate adjustment because the proposed overall budget encompassed not only gaps in the tax supported budget, but also gaps in the proprietary budget. Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified she discussed with the members of this Committee in previous Budget Conference Committee meetings that staff had determined certain job positions had become unessential to the County's delivery of services, and that regardless of whether the Commission intended to increase the millage rate to make up for gaps caused by adjustments, staff would recommend certain functions be restructured, and certain expenses would not be included in the budget.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to ensure that the County Administration prepared a document listing items that would be cut from the County's budget whether or not the Commission, in an effort to bridge the gap between the dollar amount needed to deliver services at the same level as last year and the dollar amount expected to be generated by proposed millage rates, increased the County's millage rates; and that the document reflect the total dollar amount of those items.

Commissioner Gimenez also asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to ensure that the County Administration prepared a report listing items that members of this Committee had agreed on during the course of this month's Budget Conference Committee Meetings, and asked that if a monetary amount was attached to these items, the Commission Auditor provide this information to The County Administration for inclusion in the report.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry as to the amount of proprietary funds that contributed to the \$427 million gap. She responded to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry in terms of how the gap was created and how the gap was proposed to be filled. During her response, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the combined expenditures of proprietary departments exceeded their combined revenues by approximately \$60 million, which contributed to the \$427 million gap. Ms. Glazer-Moon also noted that the amount of the combined reductions in all departments was \$201 million.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiries regarding what effect rollback would have, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the maximum millage was used in calculating the original budget gap, not rollback. She clarified that the \$427 million gap was the difference between maximum millage calculated and the maximum millage proposed. She noted the maximum millage calculated was equal to the rollback plus an adjustment for per capita income.

The Committee proceeded to address proposed reductions in General Fund support of CBOs in areas of social services and culture, and proposed reductions to the numbers of positions associated with the Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) and the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), as identified at the top of page 47 of the 2009-2010 Proposed Resource Allocation and Multi-Year Capital Plan (the budget book), Volume I.

Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified that the proposed reduction of \$30.797 million in General Fund support to CBOs in the area of social services plus the proposed reduction of \$11.168 million in General Fund support to CBOs in the area of culture equaled approximately \$42 million.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would like to buy back the proposed \$42 million reduction to CBOs using millage adjustment. She later added

that she would like CBOs to be funded 100%. She also asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to submit to her a report identifying CBOs that had been unable to collect funds allocated to them in the previous two years, and the total amount of these allocated but uncollected funds.

Chairwoman Sorenson noted the Commission faced the decision of whether to restore CBOs across-the-board, minus those that were not performing.

In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry regarding the competitive solicitation process for CBOs, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted current funding to CBOs was available only until September 30, 2009. She also noted a solicitation process for CBOs could take some time. Therefore, she noted, if the Commission opted not to appropriate continuation funding to CBOs and opted for a CBO solicitation process to be performed, a service gap would exist between September 30th and the time at which the solicitation process and the Commission's approval of allocations to CBOs were complete.

Chairwoman Sorenson suggested that the CBO solicitation process be performed every fall and contracts be awarded every January or February in order to prevent the contract awards process from coinciding with the County's budget proceedings.

County Commission Chairman Dennis Moss noted he did not recommend that a CBO solicitation process be performed, because next year's budget issues would be at least as difficult as this year's budget issues, and at that time, the Commission would have to consider whether it would fund CBOs. He suggested that CBOs be allowed to negotiate their contracts based on their economic situations.

Discussion ensued regarding funding to the Office of Grants Coordination.

Referring to page 47 of the budget book, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the \$30.797 million was the proposed reduction of General Fund support to CBOs in the area of social services; that the \$1.9 million represented the amount of General Fund support to the Office of Grants Coordination (OGC) for job positions to monitor CBO contracts, and this \$1.9 million was proposed to be cut; and that this \$1.9 million was separate from the

\$30.797 million. In clarifying wording on page 22 of the book under the heading, "Community-based Organizations (CBOs)," she noted that \$11.168 million in General Fund support to cultural programming was excluded from the \$30.797 million.

Commissioner Gimenez suggested the County delegate to organizations the responsibility of distributing money to CBOs and monitoring CBOs' performance. He noted the County would get more for its money that way. Commissioner Gimenez indicated that he would not say whether he would be buying back items until he received answers which he was awaiting regarding the budget.

Referring to the \$30.797 million proposed reductions to CBOs in the area of social services, Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to submit to her a previously requested report identifying these CBOs; prioritizing these CBOs according to Commissioner Heyman's ability to buy them back with as little decrease in efficiency efforts as possible and as much progress as possible, especially progress with regard to the CBOs which administered food, shelter and health services, and the CBOs which had not administered services due to cuts in their funding from the federal and State governments; and identifying the CBOs that received funding in the past, along with the types of service these CBOs provided. She also asked that each of the other twelve members of the Commission receive a copy of this report.

Commissioner Heyman further asked that Ms. Glazer-Moon identify organizations that had encountered trouble, such as loss of their lease(s), consolidation with other organizations, lack of continued need for services, etc.; acquire from commissioners names of funding sources for non-profit organizations; and use this acquired information to help identify the organizations that had encountered trouble. She noted she was requesting this information so that she could reach a better understanding of which organizations needed funding allocated to them by the Commission in order to provide services, and which organizations were seeking funding allocations in order to better deliver services.

Commissioner Heyman noted she was against restoring 100% of funding to CBOs and more inclined to support restoring only 75% of funding

to CBOs. She noted however, if CBOs showed they were endeavoring to provide for themselves, she was more inclined to give more funding to them.

In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry as to whether monies from the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) fund and the Convention Development Tax (CDT) fund could be used to support cultural affairs, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted a report was being developed on whether any cultural grant programs were eligible to receive CDT monies.

In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's question as to whether the proposed reduction of \$11.168 million in General Fund support to CBOs in the area of culture could be offset by allocating CDT funds to cultural programs that were eligible to receive these funds, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that because CDT funding was depleted, this was possible only if CDT funds were reallocated from CDT-funded items to the cultural programs.

Commissioner Gimenez noted that \$2.5 million of CDT monies was proposed to go toward establishing an endowment, and money slated for maintenance and operation of the South Dade Government Center could be made available for use now, since the center would not begin operating until 2010.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding commissioners not having an understanding of the percentage of money they gave to organizations that funded the organizations' administration and/or operations, and the percentage that funded the organizations' delivery of services. She noted she supported the County delegating the responsibility of disbursing money to organizations.

Chairwoman Sorenson pointed out issues of legislative change, administrative costs, and operational costs that she noted were associated with delegating responsibility for distributing money. She thanked Commissioner Sosa for submitting to each Committee member a list of her inquiries regarding the budget.

Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified issues regarding Discretionary Reserves.

Referring to Chairwoman Sorenson's comments regarding delegation of responsibility for distributing money, Commissioner Jordan noted

that organizations which distributed food did not want to be a part of the Sunshine laws.

Commissioner Edmonson noted that co-ops should continue to be funded. She expressed concern that if larger CBOs were delegated responsibility for distributing money to smaller ones, sensitivity to many of the smaller ones would be lost, and these smaller CBOs may not get any of the money.

Commission Chairman Moss noted one option for acquiring funding for CBOs was to cut the allocations for job positions to monitor CBO funding, which may be about a 6% cut.

Commissioner Jordan noted the Office Discretionary Reserve should be combined with the County Services Reserve; that these reserves should total no more than \$4.3 million, and that she would like to buy them back at this amount, with a minimum of \$200,000 allocated for each commissioner to give to organizations, and with discretion being left to the commissioners as to whether to exceed the \$200,000. She also noted she would like to buy back In-Kind Reserves in the amount of \$800,000 and Mom & Pop Grants in the amount of \$1.658 million using rollback monies. Commissioner Jordan further noted she would like to buy back 28 positions associated with monitoring CBO contracts in the Office of Grants Coordination (OGC), in the amount of \$1.930 million using rollback funds. She added that the County Attorney's Office was researching the feasibility of a recommendation regarding a local business tax that had not been increased in 15 years. She added that implementing the tax might require legislative consideration.

Commissioner Jordan further noted that she would like to buy back CBO funding in the area of social services in the amount of \$30.797 million and buy back CBO funding in the area of culture in the amount of \$11.168 million using rollback funds.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would like to buy back Mom & Pop Grants in the amount of \$1.658 million with Millage Adjustment and In-Kind Reserves.

During discussion regarding Discretionary Reserves rolling over into next year, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the budget did not assume recapturing money that remained in commissioners' Discretionary Reserve, Office, or In-Kind Reserve accounts. She also noted that the County Administration suggested the Commission

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*consider recapturing Office Funds, Discretionary Reserves and In-Kind Reserves, but also suggested members of the Board consider that delivering funds from these accounts to the CBOs would be difficult if the County eliminated staffing to process allocations made to the CBOs next year.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he would like to use money in his Discretionary Reserve funds to fund some County job positions next year.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiries regarding the allowable uses of County Service Reserves and whether the proposed budget eliminated Mom & Pop Grants and In-Kind Reserves, Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified the allowable uses of County Services Reserves and the In-Kind Reserves, and noted that the proposed budget eliminated the County Services Reserve, Discretionary Reserve, Mom & Pop Grants, and the In-Kind Reserve.*

*Commissioner Heyman asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to submit to her the second and third quarterly reports for Fiscal Year 2008/09 that identified In-Kind services which had been allocated and the entities to which they were allocated. She expressed concern with the idea of eliminating County Services Reserves and In-Kind Reserves when these reserves were used to help CBOs raise money for themselves.*

*Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor, noted that his office needed to vet out Commissioner Heyman's savings and proposed buybacks to determine the amount of monies available to her for funding items that the proposed budget suggested be eliminated.*

*Commissioner Heyman noted she would forgo In-Kind Services and Discretionary Reserve funds in order to support funding CBOs at 75%. She also noted she would forgo funding of some training programs in order to support health care and food services. Commissioner Heyman referred to Appendix J in Volume 2 of the budget book. She expressed concern that the full \$15.2 million in proposed expenditures for mitigation and annexation reversal may not be needed.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon explained that the \$15.2 million was formerly recognized as revenue from municipalities under the condition of mitigation and was now lost as a result of the phase-out of mitigation. She added that the full \$15.2 million*

had to be recognized in the FY 2009-10 budget.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would work with the Office of the Commission Auditor to determine the minimum amount that had to be budgeted for County reserves and for expenditures identified on pages 615 to 618 in the appendices of the budget book, particularly expenditures for outside legal and management consulting services, and use that information to determine whether some of the money budgeted for the reserves and expenditures could instead be budgeted to maintain levels of service and jobs. She noted she would present a proposal regarding this issue.

Mr. Anderson noted he would work with OSBM and staff regarding items which Commissioner Heyman mentioned in connection with recapturing monies budgeted for the reserves and expenditures, and would submit a report to the Commission regarding this issue.

Commissioner Gimenez asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to submit to him the proposed Wage Adjustment, FRS, Separation, and Energy Reserve amounts for UMSA and for the Countywide area from last year.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that she was willing to create efficiencies by giving up the discretionary County Services Reserve and that she would like to buy back Mom & Pop Grants in the amount of \$1.658 million and In-Kind Reserves in the amount of \$1.26 million using money from millage adjustment.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiries as to whether staff previously stated in essence that the countywide debt service millage need not be higher than .285, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted she did not believe staff had stated this, and further noted that what staff had done was discuss with Committee members the amount of the debt service millage that could be leveraged in a bond sale next year. She provided information on and spoke about county projects and the potential for additional operating expenses, which led to a series of requests for clarification on this subject from Commissioner Gimenez and comments on the subject by Commissioner Gimenez.

During the exchange of information and comments between Commissioner Gimenez and Ms. Glazer-Moon, Commissioner Gimenez noted he would consider how the millage rate could be adjusted to yield more operational dollars. He also noted that

*the Library District could be funded at a lower level than last year, and the resulting available money could be used to cover operational millages like Fire Rescue millages.*

*Commissioner Sorenson commented on debt issuance as it related to consequences of delaying projects.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to an inquiry from Commissioner Jordan regarding the dollar amount that would go to operational expenses if some of the debt service millage was shifted.*

*The Committee recessed, and upon reconvening, held a moment of silence in honor and acknowledgement of efforts made by the late Senator Edward Kennedy, who passed away in the morning (8/26).*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted she would like the Committee to address proprietary departments and re-organizations, and then finish discussing previously addressed issues.*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiries as to what efficiencies could be gained with regard to the Department of Environmental Resources Management's (DERM's) budget, and whether funding could be acquired from cuts to DERM's budget and used to restore some CBO funding, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the County Administration proposed to increase DERM's revenues by reducing job positions and adjusting fees, and that CBO funding could be restored from cuts to DERM's budget only if other appropriations in DERM's budget were decreased.*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry as to whether any of the items being cut from the Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) as reflected on page 58 of the proposed budget book were funded from the Countywide budget, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the funding sources supporting the OCI were interest proceeds from various bond programs and a capital working fund. She also noted that the capital working fund was supplied with monies acquired from charging capital project accounts for efforts made by OCI staff.*

*No Committee members responded to Chairwoman Sorenson's call for comments on items reflected under the heading "Capital Improvements" on page 58 of the budget book.*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry as to whether the Committee needed to address other issues concerning proprietary funding or any other topic that had not been addressed because no cuts were recommended, Ms. Ines Beecher, Budget Coordinator, OCA, noted that Commissioner Jordan requested information regarding how budget cutbacks would impact bus routes and that the OCA had a draft report of that information.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon advised that the County Administration could not currently inform the Commission what bus routes would be impacted by budget cutbacks, but during the upcoming fiscal year, the County Administration would submit bus route lineups to the Commission, and then request that the Commission adopt changes to the bus routes.*

*Commissioner Jordan expressed concern over the idea of the Commission adopting changes to bus routes without the impact of these changes being projected by staff and reviewed by the Commission, and without verifiable data from staff indicating that productive route services would be not be reduced.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon spoke about an analysis that was performed to project savings associated with arranging bus routes so as to eliminate duplication of route service.*

*In response to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding a source for buying back the maintenance of effort (MOE) provided to Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA) from the General Fund and request for clarification as to what was represented by the \$15 million in savings reflected on page 51 of the budget book, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that money from MDTA's reserves could not be used to increase the MOE, but that General Fund money had to be used, which required a reduction in another General Fund appropriation or the identification of a new revenue source; and that the \$15 million represented a savings in maintenance costs, which included costs for mileage, fuel, and drivers.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that since a report was expected from the County Administration on bus routes, the Committee should later return to Commissioner Jordan's concerns regarding the impact that changing bus routes would make on the community.*

Chairwoman Sorenson reminded Committee members that after today's meeting, they would receive reports from staff and each of them would work with the County Manager's Office, OCA, and OSBM. Chairwoman Sorenson noted she invited all members of the Commission who were not on this Committee to create a ledger listing the items they wanted to buy back, the rate at which they supported the items being bought back, and the efficiencies the commissioners had identified.

In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's invitation for comments from Committee members regarding the subject of reorganizations, Commissioner Heyman referred to the Financial Summary of the Office of Sustainability (OOS), found on page 570 of the budget book, and requested clarification regarding the \$3.644 million in federal grants reflected on this page.

Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified the \$3.644 million was a part of an approximately \$12.5 million grant that OOS applied for from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. She noted this \$3.644 million was the portion of the EECBG that was budgeted for fiscal year (FY) 2009-10 and that it was intended to fund sustainability-related programs, including job positions to coordinate these programs.

Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified the FY 2009-10 OOS Revenue Summary, as requested by Chairwoman Sorenson.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would like to buy back the proposed FY 2009-10 General Fund Countywide appropriation to OOS (\$516,000) and the Interagency Transfers amount (\$121,000), which Ms. Glazer-Moon later explained was the dollar amount that was transferred from the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) to OOS in accompaniment of a job position. Commissioner Heyman noted the total buyback amount of these two items was approximately \$600,000.

In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry as to the proposed source of funding for an Assistant County Manager's position that was proposed to be transferred from the County Manager's Office's (CMO's) budget to the OOS's budget, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted the funding source was the EECBG.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would like to

*buy back the funding for this position that was cut from the CMO's budget. She initiated discussion regarding Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH) and the Public Health Trust (PHT).*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's request for clarification regarding adequate funding for JMH and the PHT, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that no cuts were recommended for JMH and PHT; that the County was required by law to provide a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to JMH and the PHT; and that the PHT had a budget gap, but would submit recommendations to the Commission between the First and Second Budget hearings for filling this gap. She also noted Chairwoman Sorenson was correct in stating that if the County wanted to give money to JMH/PHT, the money would have to come from the General Fund.*

*During discussion, Commissioner Heyman identified the dollar amount of the salaries of some management staff members at JMH and expressed concern regarding top heavy administration at JMH. She noted that she would like allocations for 150 top executives at JMH to be cut. Commissioner Heyman also noted that she would like significant redress on two JMH management positions.*

*Also during discussion, Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted the PHT budget process involved the PHT approving its budget and then the Commission considering this budget for approval.*

*Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the PHT approved its budget during the Commission's budget process, and that the County's proposed budget contained no recommendations for General Fund support to the PHT besides the legally mandated MOE.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry as to whether JMH and PHT services such as collection, auditing, and in-house operations could be consolidated and placed under the direction of the County in order to keep Jackson from budgeting for these services, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the County had been working closely with the PHT to share resources when this sharing was feasible, but the PHT's operation was very distinct from the County's operation, which made consolidation more difficult in some areas than in others.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry as*

*to whether efforts had been made to incorporate consolidation, increase efficiency, and reductions into the proposed PHT budget, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that nothing was proposed to decrease the amount of money going to the PHT.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's comment that on page 368 in Volume 2 of the budget book, the Capital Budget Summary reflected that expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately \$102 million for FY 2009-10, and in response to her inquiry as to whether the \$102 million was made up somewhere else, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that the aforementioned summary was a multi-year schedule, that revenues were carried forward from previous years, and that after a number of future years were taken into consideration, the budget was balanced.*

*In response to Commissioner Heyman's inquiry as to whether some of the PHT's capital revenues could be shifted from funding capital projects to funding an item that needed funding more immediately, Ms. Glazer-Moon noted that sources of the PHT's capital revenues required the revenues be used only to fulfill the PHT's capital needs.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Ms. Glazer-Moon to submit to her a report on the details of a contract with Mount Sinai Medical Center that provided for the center to perform physical examinations, and include the value of the contract in this report.*

*No Committee members responded to Chairwoman Sorenson's invitation for their comments on proposed reductions to Aviation's budget, reflected in Volume 1 of the budget book, page 50, under the heading for proposed transportation reductions, entitled "Transportation."*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that the Committee was waiting on reports from the County Administration regarding budget issues and would not be able to progress without them. She also noted that on September 3, 2009, the Commission would hold its First Budget Hearing, which would be a public hearing. Chairwoman Sorenson urged her colleagues to create the ledger she mentioned of items they wanted to buy back, the rate at which they supported the items being bought back, and efficiencies they had identified, before the meeting on September 3rd. She pointed out that at the September 3rd meeting, the Commission had to*

*adopt a tentative millage rate and a tentative budget.*

*In response to Chairwoman Sorenson's inquiry as to whether the Commission would have a ceiling on the rate it could adopt at its Second Budget Hearing, scheduled to be held on September 17, 2009, Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted that the tentative millage rate adopted at the September 3rd budget hearing would be the ceiling for the rate the Commission could adopt at the September 17th budget hearing.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson noted that pursuant to an ordinance sponsored by Commissioners Gimenez and Sosa, a meeting of this Budget Conference Committee would be held on September 11, 2009. She also noted that at the September 11th meeting, Committee members would discuss actions and discussion from the September 3rd meeting. Chairwoman Sorenson further noted that the Commission was required to balance the County's budget during the Second Budget Hearing.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson expressed appreciation to all members of staff who participated in the Budget Conference Committee process so far this year.*

*Hearing no other business, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*

**3 ADJOURNMENT**



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## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

### Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee

Katy Sorenson (8) Chair; Joe A. Martinez (11) Vice Chair; Commissioners Audrey M. Edmonson (3), Carlos A. Gimenez (7), Sally A. Heyman (4), and Barbara J. Jordan (1)

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Tuesday, May 11, 2010

2:00 PM

Commission Chambers

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**Members Present:** Carlos A. Gimenez, Barbara J. Jordan, Joe A. Martinez, Katy Sorenson.

**Members Absent:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Sally A. Heyman.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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#### 1 MINUTES PREPARED BY

**Report:** *Scott Rappleye, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-5108*

#### 1A INVOCATION

**Report:** *Chairwoman Sorenson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Committee convened in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### 1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Special Assistant to the County Manager Jennifer Glazer-Moon; Assistant County Attorneys Jess McCarty, Geri Bonzon-Keenan, and Dennis Kebel; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Scott Rappleve.*

**CHANGES TO TODAY'S COMMITTEE AGENDA**

*Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty noted that in addition to the changes requested in the County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee Agenda," the following additional changes had been requested: that Agenda Item 3B be withdrawn, that Agenda Item 3D Supplement be added, that Agenda Item 3G be deferred, and that Agenda Item 3L Supplement be added.*

*Commissioner Gimenez noted he did not support the requested deferral of Agenda Item 3G.*

*Commissioner Martinez pointed out that Agenda Item 7B was cross referenced to Agenda Item 3G. He requested the Committee defer Agenda Item 7B.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson pointed out that Agenda Item 7B was a report and it would stay on the agenda.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Martinez that the changes listed in the County Manger's memorandum and the additional changes noted by the Assistant County Attorney be accepted. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-1 (Commissioner Gimenez voted "No"; Commissioners Edmonson and Heyman were absent).*

**1D**      **OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR SORENSON****1E**      **DISCUSSIONS MATTER(S)**



1G1 AMENDED

101254 Ordinance

Joe A. Martinez

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1795 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATED TO PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMISSION AUDITOR IN THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL BUDGET; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 100648]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Martinez*

*Seconder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairwomen Sorenson opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. She closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.*

*Commissioner Martinez noted Commissioner Edmonson had sent a memorandum requesting an amendment to this proposed ordinance to include any mid-year and year end amendments to the general fund.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested this proposed ordinance be amended to include the Board of County Commissioners and all of the County offices and departments under the County Commission's purview.*

*Commissioner Martinez noted he would accept Commissioner Jordan's suggested amendment.*

*Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Budget Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, noted that the role of the Commission Auditor was to conduct an in depth review and analysis of the County budget, and that this proposed ordinance highlighted the review and analysis for the departments and offices in this proposal.*

*Commissioner Martinez explained that the intent of this proposed ordinance was to make the budget process for the independent entities, like the Inspector General, less political by removing the County Mayor and the County Commission from the budget development process.*

*Commissioner Jordan noted that notwithstanding the Commission Auditor preparing the annual budget for the entities designated in this proposed ordinance and the County Mayor preparing the*

annual budget for the remaining County departments, the County budget needed to reflect consistency in any recommended budget cuts. She requested this proposed ordinance be amended to include language that would require this consistency.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he opposed Commissioner Jordan's suggested amendment to require consistency. He expressed concern regarding how that requirement would restrict future decisions by the County Commission.

Chairwoman Sorenson pointed out that funding priorities change and those priorities could require inconsistency in applying budget cuts.

Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor, pointed out that this proposed ordinance as presented had no fiscal impact on the Office of the Commission Auditor, however, the amendments to this proposed ordinance would have a fiscal impact.

Ms. Glazer-Moon pointed out that Florida State Statutes required that the County Budget Officer present a budget to the Board of County Commissioners 15 days after the certification of value. She noted the Budget Director needed to know how much revenue the Commission Auditor was using to avoid assigning that revenue to two different line items.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's question regarding compliance with the State Statutes if the Commission Auditor and the Budget Officer both presented budgets to the County Commission, Ms. Glazer-Moon clarified that her comment was regarding the need to balance the budget, and that the Commission Auditor could prepare its own budget.

Ms. Glazer-Moon responded to additional questions from Commissioners Gimenez and Martinez regarding the County Administration proposing a budget.

Commissioner Martinez asked the Commission Auditor to provide each Commissioner with a report on the fiscal impact of this proposed ordinance as amended to include the Board of County Commissioners and all of the County offices and departments under the County Commission's purview.

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed ordinance as amended to include any mid-year and year end amendments to the general fund, and to include the Board of County Commissioners and all of the County offices and departments under the County Commission's purview.*

1G2

**100961 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING REGULATION OF AWNINGS, CANOPIES AND TENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-64 - 33-65, 33-69 - 33-71, AND 33-77 AND DELETING SECTIONS 33-72 AND 33-81 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (CODE); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Department of Planning & Zoning) *Amended*

**Report:** *See Report Under Agenda Item 1G2 Amended, Legislative File No. 101250.*

1G2 AMENDED

**101250 Resolution**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING REGULATION OF AWNINGS, CANOPIES AND TENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-64 - 33-65, 33-69 - 33-71, AND 33-77 AND DELETING SECTIONS 33-72 AND 33-81 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (CODE); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 100961] (Department of Planning & Zoning)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairwomen Sorenson opened the public hearing on this proposed ordinance, and the following person appeared before the Committee:*

*Mr. Bob Van Dyke, 10617 SW 167 Terrace, spoke in support of this proposed ordinance.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.*

*Assistant County Attorney Dennis Kerbel advised that this proposed ordinance should be amended amend to delete "be temporary" from Sections 5 and 7.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed ordinance as amended to delete "be temporary" from Sections 5 and 7.*

1G3

**100841 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 2-1701 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REMOVING LANGUAGE FOR COMPENSATION TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT/REFERRAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR TRAINING, REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT OF NEW HIRES FROM DESIGNATED TARGET AREAS; SUBSTITUTING DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Department of Small Business Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Hearing no objection, the Committee considered this proposed ordinance and Agenda Item 3M simultaneously.*

*Chairwomen Sorenson opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance. She closed the public hearing after no one appeared wishing to speak.*

*Commissioner Martinez questioned whether the Community Workforce Program in this proposed ordinance was the same entity that was in the article published May 11, 2010, that reported it had created few jobs with the \$20 million that it had received.*

*Ms. Penelope Townsley, Director, Department of Small Business Development, noted the entity in this article was South Florida Workforce. She explained that the issues in this article were not related to the Community Workforce Program in this proposed ordinance.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked the Department of Small Business Development Director to provide her with a report on the workforce program in response to the article published May 11, 2010, that reported \$20 million was spent and only a few jobs created.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

1G4

**100353 Report**

CITY OF SWEETWATER ANNEXATION APPLICATION  
(County Manager)

*Withdrawn*

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1G4 SUB

**101008 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RELATING TO ANNEXATION REQUEST OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER; PROVIDING THAT ACTION BE TAKEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 20-7(B) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO EITHER DIRECT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE THE ANNEXATION REQUEST, DENY THE ANNEXATION REQUEST OR TO DEFER THE ANNEXATION REQUEST [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 100353] (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconded: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairwomen Sorenson opened the public hearing on this proposed ordinance, and the following persons appeared before the Committee:*

*Commissioner Diaz explained that the City of Sweetwater was requesting to annex land directly north of the City, and that the City would be financially stable if it annexed this land. He pointed out that the area in this annexation request was revenue negative to the County. He requested the Committee forward this proposed ordinance to the County Commission.*

*Mayor Manuel Marono, City of Sweetwater, 10233 SW 7 Street, noted the City of Sweetwater had approximately 500 petitions from residents in the area that wanted to be part of the City. He requested the Committee forward this proposed ordinance to the County Commission.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson closed the public hearing after no other persons appeared wishing to speak.*

*Commissioner Gimenez questioned the number of residents in the area that the City of Sweetwater was requesting to annex.*

*Mayor Marono noted that approximately 8,000 people lived in the area.*

*Commissioner Diaz pointed out that of the 8,000 residents, only 1,400 were registered voters.*

*Commissioner Martinez noted he did not support the County approving any annexation requests. He expressed concern regarding the reported crime statistics. He pointed out that the requested area*

to annex was highly industrial and would take significant revenues from the County. Commissioner Martinez noted he would support this proposed ordinance if it was forwarded to the County Commission without recommendation.

Commissioner Jordan concurred with Commissioner Martinez that the County Commission would hurt the residents in the unincorporated municipal service areas if it approved this annexation application.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

Commissioner Diaz expressed appreciation to the Committee for forwarding this proposed ordinance to the full Commission.

1G4 SUB SUPP

101144 Supplement

SUPPLEMENT TO CITY OF SWEETWATER ANNEXATION APPLICATION (County Attorney)

Presented

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

101066 Resolution

Katy Sorenson

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE MARCH 20, 2010 "MIAMI-DADE WALK TO CURE DIABETES" SPONSORED BY JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,700.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 8 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Gimenez

Seconder: Martinez

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

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2B

**101067 Resolution****Carlos A. Gimenez**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2010 "WALK NOW FOR AUTISM" SPONSORED BY THE AUTISM SPEAKS, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 7 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

2C

**101096 Resolution****Sally A. Heyman**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 25, 2010 "CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY" SPONSORED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$440.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 4 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

2D

**101098 Resolution****Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UP TO \$5,000 CASH ALLOCATION TO MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC., A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2010 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 5 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

2E

**101099 Resolution****Bruno A. Barreiro**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UP TO \$2,500 CASH ALLOCATION TO THE CENTER FOR FOLK AND COMMUNITY ART ECHO ARTISTS DELEGATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 5 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

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2F

**101100 Resolution****Carlos A. Gimenez**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 18, 2010 "EARTH FEST 2010" SPONSORED BY EARTH LEARNING, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,643.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 7 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**101101 Resolution****Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 4, 2010 "43RD ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION" SPONSORED BY GFWC WHISPERING PINES WOMAN'S CLUB, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 8 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

2H

**101102 Resolution****Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE JULY 4, 2010 "JULY 4TH CELEBRATION" SPONSORED BY THE PERRINE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE DISTRICT 8 FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

2I

**101010 Resolution**

**Joe A. Martinez**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PREPARE A REPORT CONCERNING THE PROPER METHODS AND MEANS BY WHICH THE COUNTY CAN PURSUE MONEY FROM OUTSTANDING DEBTS AND LIENS OWED TO THE COUNTY INCLUDING ALL POSSIBLE METHODS OF COLLECTION SUCH AS LAWSUITS, FORECLOSURE AND OTHER AVAILABLE COLLECTION METHODS; TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE CREDIT AND COLLECTIONS SECTION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONTROL, DIRECT AND/OR OVERSEE ALL COLLECTIONS COUNTYWIDE; TO EXPLORE THE POLICY OF IMPOSING A FEE TO RECOVER THE COST OF COLLECTION EFFORTS ON EACH DEBT COLLECTED

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Martinez*

*Seconder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record. Assistant County Attorney McCarty advised that a scrivener's error existed and should be corrected to change "Mayor" to "Mayor or designee" throughout this proposed resolution.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

2J

**101062 Resolution**

**Joe A. Martinez**

RESOLUTION AMENDING IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-34 TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE REGARDING THE FORMATION AND PERFORMANCE OF SELECTION COMMITTEES

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Martinez*

*Seconder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**3 DEPARTMENTS**

3A

**100985 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$1,000,000 FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT UNITED STATES STANDARD GRANT TO REIMBURSE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS (EEL) TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT FUNDS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Seconder: Martinez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

3B

**101103 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM COVENANTS FOR SECTION 24-43(5)(A), SECTION 24-43(5)(C)(III), SECTION 24-43(7)(A), SECTION 24-43(7)(C), SECTIONS 24-43.1(4)(A), (6)(G) AND (6)(H), SECTION 24-43.1(6)(C), SECTION 24-44(2)(K)(II) AND SECTION 24-48.2(II)(A)(12); RELATING TO LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL AND POTABLE WATER SYSTEMS, CLEAN-UP TARGET LEVELS AND PROCEDURES FOR SITE REHABILITATION ACTIONS, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT (Department of Environmental Resources Management)

*Withdrawn*  
*Mover: Martinez*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 3-1*  
*No: Gimenez*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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3C

**101158 Resolution**

RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 5.03 (D) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH INNOVIDA HOLDINGS, LLS, TO DEVELOP THREE PARCELS KNOWN AS POINCIANA INDUSTRIAL CENTER, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 2-8.3 AND 2-8.4 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, PERTAINING TO BID PROTESTS, BY A TWO-THIRD VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF AWARD RFP NO. 695 (Procurement Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson questioned what other County, State, and Federal resources were available to help develop the Poinciana Industrial Center.*

*Commissioner Martinez requested clarification regarding the recommendation to waive competitive bidding in this proposed resolution.*

*Ms. Miriam Singer, Director, Procurement Management Department, explained that the selection committee was required to evaluate the entire contracting team (prime and subcontractors), and that one subcontractor for the highest ranked proposer had pending criminal charges. She explained that the Commission needed to waive competitive bidding to allow the highest ranked proposer to replace the subcontractor that was pending criminal charges.*

*In response to Commissioner Martinez's inquiry regarding the possibility of the proposed price increasing, Ms. Singer noted she would not recommend a contract with a higher price unless the contract included additional features.*

*Commissioner Jordan questioned why the County Manager was not recommending the second highest ranked proposer, as opposed to allowing the highest ranked proposer to replace the subcontractor.*

*Ms. Singer pointed out that Agenda Item 3C*

*Supplement detailed the selection committee's ranking of the other two proposers. She noted that the Planning and Zoning Department indicated the proposal for the second ranked proposer would require a difficult variance to the property, and that the third ranked proposer did not have substance in its proposal that could be reviewed.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

3C SUPP

**101157 Supplement**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF POINCIANA INDUSTRIAL CENTER  
RFP 695

***Presented***

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**101054 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000,000 OF AVIATION REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND/OR TRANCHES, FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 210 OF AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT AND APPLICABLE ORDINANCES; APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AFTER PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 147(F) OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, TO FINALIZE TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF BONDS; PROVIDING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS; FINDING NECESSITY FOR AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATED SALE; APPROVING FORMS OF AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY (Finance Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Martinez*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Gimenez questioned why the \$44 million in capitalized interest was necessary in this proposed resolution.*

*Mr. Carter Hammer, Director, Finance Department, explained that the capitalized interest was built into this proposed resolution to provide funds for the time between the completion of the construction period and the start of the revenue stream for that structure.*

*Mr. Randy Topel, Senior Vice-President, First Southwest Company, noted the \$44 million figure could be less based on the market rates when this transaction was processed. He clarified that the actual amount would not exceed \$44 million.*

*Commissioner Gimenez expressed concern that the capitalized interest would be used to make payments on the revenue bonds in this proposed resolution. He questioned how the capitalized interest would impact the budget in the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.*

*Responding to Commissioner Gimenez's inquiry regarding the airlines' position on the use of*

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capitalized interest, Mr. Topel noted the airlines wanted as much capitalized interest as possible.

Commissioner Martinez requested clarification on how this proposed resolution would include expansion at the Kendall-Tamiami Airport.

Mr. Jose Abreu, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department, noted this proposed resolution would provide funding for the County to match a federal grant that would be used at Kendall-Tamiami Airport.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.

3D SUPPLEMENT

101231 Supplement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF AVIATION REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010

Presented

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101091 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$217,260,000 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TRANSIT SYSTEM SALES SURTAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 201 AND 208 OF ORDINANCE NO. 05-48 AND ORDINANCE NO. 09-65, FOR PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PROJECTS; PROVIDING CERTAIN DETAILS OF BONDS AND THEIR SALE BY NEGOTIATION; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, TO FINALIZE DETAILS, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF BONDS; APPROVING FORMS OF AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING CERTAIN COVENANTS; AUTHORIZING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO DO ALL THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF BONDS; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY (Finance Department)

Deferred to no date certain  
Mover: Martinez  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 3-1  
No: Gimenez  
Absent: Edmonson, Heyman

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**101094 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$107,000,000 CAPITAL ASSET ACQUISITION SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TO BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM LEGALLY AVAILABLE NON-AD VALOREM REVENUES THAT COUNTY COVENANTS TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE ANNUALLY; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, TO FINALIZE TERMS AND DETAILS OF BONDS; PROVIDING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS; FINDING NECESSITY FOR NEGOTIATED SALE; APPROVING FORM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED AGREEMENTS, WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS; AUTHORIZING SELECTION OF THE REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT; AUTHORIZING COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY (Finance Department)

*Deferred to no date certain*  
*Mover: Martinez*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 3-1*  
*No: Gimenez*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**100903 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (WEXFORD/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LIFE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK PROJECT), IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000,000, TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS OF THE INITIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUILDING (THE "PROJECT") IN THE "UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LIFE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK", FOR THE BENEFIT OF WEXFORD MIAMI, LLC (THE "BORROWER"); AUTHORIZING AN ALLOCATION OF NOT EXCEEDING \$60,000,000 FROM THE COUNTY'S SUBALLOCATION OF THE NATIONAL VOLUME CAP FOR "RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS" TO THE BORROWER FOR THE PROJECT, PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT(SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 7B) (Industrial Development Authority)

*Deferred to no date certain*  
*Mover: Martinez*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 3-1*  
*No: Gimenez*  
*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

3H

**100780 Ordinance**

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING MID-YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND FUNDS; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER BOARD ACTIONS WHICH SET CHARGES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; APPROPRIATING GRANT, DONATION AND CONTRIBUTION FUNDS; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE(SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3I) (Office of Strategic Business Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Martinez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

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**100938 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AMENDING FY 2009-10 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND AND UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA GENERAL FUND BUDGETS AND AMENDING THE LIBRARY, BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, SUSTAINABILITY, AND WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS; APPROVING TERMS OF AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND NEW WORLD SYMPHONY, INC.; AND APPROVING THE INTERAGENCY TRANSFER BETWEEN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1796(A) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 100780] (Office of Strategic Business Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Martinez*  
*Seconder: Gimenez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**101047 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF FORMAL BID PROCEDURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AWARD SAME, WITH AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER (Procurement Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Gimenez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Heyman, Edmonson*

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**101049 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE OPTIONS-TO-RENEW ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER FOR PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS (Procurement Management Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Seconder: Gimenez  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**101053 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 9245-0/12: MODEL YEAR 2010/2011 MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ATLANTIC COAST AUTOMOTIVE, INC., DON REID FORD, INC., AND AUTO HOLDINGS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,900,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS AND TO EXERCISE ANY RENEWAL AND CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Procurement Management Department)

*Forwarded to the BCC by the BCC Chairperson with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Seconder: Sorenson  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Ms. Miriam Singer, Director, Procurement Management Department, requested that the County Commission rules be waived to allow this proposed resolution to be considered at the May 18, 2010, County Commission meeting.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

*Chairwoman Sorenson asked Assistant County Manager Hudak to prepare an appropriate memorandum asking Chairman Moss to waive the Board's rules and procedures to allow this proposed resolution to be heard at the May 18, 2010 meeting.*

## 3L SUPPLEMENT

**101234 Supplement**

SUPPLEMENT TO AWARD RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTRACT NO. 9245-0/12: MODEL YEAR 2010/2011 MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Presented*

## 3M

**100795 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 3-37 COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDER NO. 3-37 COMMUNITY WORKFORCE PROGRAM; AND AMENDING IMPLEMENTING ORDER NO. 3-37 TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATING TO COMPENSATION TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT/REFERRAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ADMINISTERING DEPARTMENT (Department of Small Business Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Gimenez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**Report:** *See Report Under Agenda Item 1G3, Legislative File No. 100841.*

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

## 4A

**100986 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE JANUARY 1-29, 2010 "HONORING OUR FUTURE BY PRESERVING OUR PAST" SPONSORED BY AYITI HISTORY AND RESOURCES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED □\$1,500.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE MAYOR'S FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Gimenez*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**100987 Resolution**

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE MIAMI-DADE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE JANUARY 1-30, 2010 "HAITIAN ON THE MOVE" SPONSORED BY GALATA, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,910.00 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE UNSPENT BALANCE OF THE MAYOR'S FY 2008-09 IN-KIND RESERVE FUND (County Manager)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**101156 Resolution**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 13, 2010 -BUDGET, PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Gimenez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

**7 REPORTS**

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**101164 Report**

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS (County Manager)

*Report Received*

*Mover: Gimenez*

*Seconder: Martinez*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Edmonson, Heyman*

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**101220 Report**

INFORMATION TO THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF RECOVERY ZONE PRIVATE FACILITY BONDS TO WEXFORD EQUITIES, LLC.T(SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 3G) (County Manager)

**Report Received**

**Mover: Gimenez**

**Seconder: Martinez**

**Vote: 4-0**

**Absent: Edmonson, Heyman**

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Commissioner Gimenez questioned whether the County Commission acting on the Recovery Zone Private Facility Bonds was time sensitive.*

*Special Assistant to the County Manager Howard Piper noted the County needed to sell these bonds before December 31, 2010. He clarified that the County Commission needed to approve these bonds in September 2010 to provide the necessary two and a half months to sell the bonds.*

*Commissioner Gimenez pointed out that the Committee needed to act on these bonds at the June Committee meeting.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

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